



Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Code of Conduct

Youth sports exist for the development and enjoyment of young athletes. As a parent or guardian, your words and actions significantly impact on the experience of all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. To foster a positive and respectful environment, all parents and guardians agree to uphold the following Code of Conduct:

Commitment to Respect and Positive Behavior

As a parent or guardian of a participant in Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation programming, I commit to:

- Encouraging my child to respect coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and spectators.
- Promoting sportsmanship and teamwork, emphasizing effort and enjoyment over winning.
- Applaud effort, improvement, and fair play.
- Refraining from using foul language, inappropriate gestures, or disrespectful behavior at any program event or facility.
- Allow coaches to coach and officials to officiate without interference - Zero Tolerance.
- It is important to recognize that coaches dedicate significant time and effort to the players and show appreciation for their work.
- Communicating any concerns constructively with coaches at an appropriate time and place (e.g., following a 24-hour cooldown period after a game or event).
- Any adult who observes or suspects child abuse is encouraged to report it to 1-844-CO-4-Kids or 911. Coaches, as Mandatory Reporters, are required to do so. If you see something, please say something and feel empowered to intervene and keep children safe. This includes actions that are physical, emotional, sexual, and neglectful abuse. You do not need eyewitness evidence to report.



Game Day and Practice Conduct

To ensure a positive experience for all participants, I will:

- Applaud effort, sportsmanship, and skill.
- Remain at least two yards from the playing field to allow players room to compete safely.
- Never coach from the sidelines or interfere with the coach's instructions.
- Respect officials and their decisions, avoiding arguments, criticism, or confrontational behavior.
- Ensure that my child arrives prepared to participate in practices and games on time. Always alert the coach when/if unforeseen circumstances arise where unavoidable absences or tardiness happen.
- Refrain from engaging in physical or verbal altercations with anyone at program events.

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

- Use of abusive, profane, or inappropriate language at any event organized by, in support of, or affiliated with the Town of Wellington including but not limited to practices, games, tournaments, team meetings, fundraising events, banquets, or any other official gathering. This also applies to behavior within any Town of Wellington Recreation program or partner facility.
- Engaging in or encouraging unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting, intimidation, or harassment.
- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any program-related event or facility.
- Providing or offering illegal substances, including alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine (including vaping), to any athlete at any program event or facility.
- An athlete may not be given over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, or supplements without prior parental/guardian consent.
- Engaging in any actions that could jeopardize the safety or well-being of a child or any other participant.



Definitions:

Town: The Town of Wellington

Coach: The person designated as a team's spokesman. This person may be either a player or non-player.

Field of Play: The part of a court, field, ring or other sports venue that is considered within the boundaries of regulation play of a particular sport.

Site Supervisor: A Town employee in charge of the operation and staff of a scheduled sports game, match, or event, as well as this Code of Conduct.

Coordinator: The Town's Recreation Coordinator or other person as appointed by the Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department.

League Manager: The Town's Recreation Manager or other person as appointed by the Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department.

Official: A person who the Town has arranged to be present at a sports venue for the purpose of administering the rules of the game, match, or event, as well as this Code of Conduct.

Parent: The legal guardian or other family member responsible for a child who is under the age of eighteen (18) and is participating in a sport sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Participant: Any coach, player, parent, spectator, official or any other person involved in any way with any sport sponsored by the Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department.

Participation: Any involvement in a Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department sport, including spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, volunteering, or attending a sporting event.

Player: A person who physically participates in a sport or is on the roster of the team or group participating in the sport.

Probation: A period of time during which a person who has previously violated the Sort Code of Conduct may have no further violations.

Parks and Recreation Department: The Town of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department.

Sport: Any Parks and Recreation Department organized activity or event that is listed under the category of "sports" in the most recent catalog of offerings or a new yet to be advertised activity that is run by a recreation staff member who is specifically designated by organizational chart as a member of the sports team.

Spectator: A person who watches a sport for entertainment with no physical involvement.



Sportsmanship: Conduct, such as fairness, respect for one's opponent and officials, and graciousness in winning or losing, that are appropriate to one participating in a sport.

Sports Venue: An area improved with fencing, buildings, bleachers, goals, turf or other landscaping, lines or other markings or any other facilities intended for use by players, officials, spectators or anyone else participating in a sport. Examples of sports venues include but are not limited to fields, courts, tracks, gymnasiums, field houses, arenas, pools, ice rinks and bowling alleys.

Suspension: Loss of the privilege to participate in any manner in a Parks and Recreation Department sport.

Unsportsmanlike: Exhibiting poor behavior through negative, disruptive or inappropriate actions.

Compliance and Accountability

I acknowledge that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to this Code of Conduct may be required to leave the event, and play may be suspended until compliance is restored.
- Town of Wellington reserves the right to suspend or remove any player whose parent or guardian engages in persistent or extreme misconduct. No refunds will be issued in such cases.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of guests they bring to events and must ensure that guests understand and follow these expectations.

By signing below, I agree to abide by this Parent Code of Conduct and ensure a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all participants in Town of Wellington Recreation programs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____