



Pooler Recreation Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

The success of our recreation programs depends on teamwork—not only from players, coaches, officials, and staff, but also from parents and spectators. Together, we create a safe, positive, and fun environment where children can learn, grow, and enjoy sports.

Our Shared Responsibilities

For the Children

- Encourage and support your child with positive words and actions.
- Focus on effort, improvement, and teamwork—not just wins and losses.
- Be a role model of good sportsmanship by staying calm, respectful, and positive.
- Remember: Youth sports are about having fun, making friends, and building confidence.

For the Coaches

- Respect that coaches are volunteers who dedicate their time to children.
- Support their decisions and avoid criticizing them in front of players.
- Address concerns privately, respectfully, and at the right time.
- Be punctual for practices and games and lend a hand if asked.

For the League

- Help maintain a safe and welcoming environment by reporting unsafe or inappropriate behavior.
- Respect the authority of officials, staff, and volunteers.
- Follow all facility and program rules.

For Other Parents and Spectators

- Cheer for all children, not just your own.
- Celebrate good plays, and encourage players when mistakes happen.
- Avoid taunting, arguing, or putting down other parents, players, or teams.
- Keep focus on supporting the kids—not competing with other adults.

For Yourself

- Take pride in being part of your child's journey.
 - Enjoy the joy, pride, and memories that come with watching them grow.
 - Stay positive—your attitude sets the tone for your child and everyone around you.
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Supervision Policy

- A parent, guardian, or responsible adult must remain present and available during all practices and games.
 - Children may not be left unattended at any time.
 - If a child is left unsupervised, staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian. Repeated violations may result in Pooler Police Department involvement to ensure the child's safety.
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Unacceptable Behavior

- Abusive, threatening, or disrespectful language or behavior.
- Physical contact with others in anger.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs near youth activities.
- Leaving children unsupervised at Recreation facilities.

- Providing false information (such as age or identity) to participate.
- Any conduct deemed harmful or disruptive by Recreation staff.

Corrective Action Policy

1. **Verbal Warning** – Staff will address the behavior directly and make expectations clear.
2. **Written Warning** – A formal letter and meeting with the Athletic Director to discuss the issue.
3. **Game Suspension** – Parent or spectator may be barred from attending the next scheduled game(s).
4. **Season Suspension** – Suspension for the remainder of the current season or longer. Reinstatement requires a written request and meeting with the Athletic Director.

Note: Children will never be punished for the actions of a parent or spectator.

Our Commitment

We are committed to providing every child with the opportunity to:

- Learn skills and fundamentals.
- Develop teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.
- Build confidence and friendships.
- Play in a safe and supportive environment.