



## Parent Code of Conduct Pledge

The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation believes that parents play a vital role in their child's development and participation in youth sports. Unfortunately, some parents and the spectators associated with their families don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or non-verbal, positive or negative, can have a lasting emotional effect on youth. Furthermore, parent and spectator behavior can adversely affect the behavior of their children and the overall attitude of their team and families.

In order to ensure that Good Sportsmanship, Fair Play, and mutual Respect among Players, Coaches, Officials, and Spectators, the following Parent Code of Conduct has been established by the Department. The standards of behavior identified in this code are not intended to be all inclusive. The participants should be aware that any behavior not specifically described herein but failing to meet the spirit and intent of this Code may subject those involved to disciplinary action at the discretion of CCPR.

- Demonstrate a positive and respectful attitude toward players, parents, coaches and officials.
- Encourage the definition of success by measuring a child's personal development and enjoyment and not by wins or losses.
- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge and respect of the rules of the game and teach others to do the same.
- Promote appropriate behavior regardless of the circumstances the game presents.
- Never use abusive or insulting language to any person.
- Refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon their team, club, league or Calvert County Parks & Recreation
- Never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- Support and respect the coaches and players from both teams and the officials.
- Comply with the rules, policies, and procedures as set by CCPR.
- Allow and trust the coaching staff to perform to the full extent of their coaching abilities without hindrance or opinions.
- If concerns need to be addressed to the coach, I will wait 24 hours then address her or him at an appropriate time and place and never before, during or immediately after a game.
- I will never approach an official, coach or player before, during or after a game. If I have a concern, I will follow the appropriate chain of command which is Coach first, then CCPR if necessary.

By participating in any CCPR sponsored program, I understand and agree that any failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action against me and could result in loss of spectator privileges for a period of time to be determined by CCPR. Length of which is at the sole discretion of CCPR depending on the severity of the incident. I also agree to abide by all rules, policies and procedures as set forth by CCPR.

I have read and agree to the terms listed above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_