

# THE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP CODE: FOR COACHES, PLAYERS & PARENTS



Having and coaching children is an honor and a privilege that carries with it a moral responsibility to contribute to the healthy character development of young players. Coaches who equate “trying your best” as success, and who value, expect, and demand good sportsmanship from their players, help shape the moral, ethical, and spiritual character of children.

1. I will **PLAY FAIR**. I will abide by the rules set forth by Brandon Township Parks & Recreation.
2. I will be a **TEAM PLAYER**. It is called a team sport for a reason, it takes the whole team to be successful.
3. I will **STAY POSITIVE**. Even when games get tough think positive. Do not berate a teammate for a bad play. Offer advice, a high five, and move on.
4. I will **NOT TRASH TALK**. I will not waist my energy or embarrass myself by making negative comments to opponents.
5. I will **LOSE GRACEFULLY**. If you give it your all and you wind up losing all you can do is congratulate the other team. Smile, shake hands, and try to win the next time.
6. I will **WIN WITH CLASS**. I will not gloat or put down the other team after a victory. I will shake hands and offer the opponent a “good game” compliment.
7. I will **RESPECT THE RULINGS OF OFFICIALS**. I will always respect the referees rulings, even if they are mistaken. They are human beings and are bound to make mistakes. Remember, sometimes bad calls go your teams way too.
8. I will **RESPECT THE OPPOSING TEAM**. I will root for my team, not against the other team.
9. I will **RESPECT MY FELLOW FANS**. Remember, we are a community and we should care about the people around us. Please allow and respect people cheering for their children.
10. I will **WATCH MY LANGUAGE**. I will be careful in choosing my words around the children that are participating in this program.
11. I will be my child’s **ROLE MODEL**. I will offer praise and encouraging words for all athletes, including your child’s opponents. I will not berate, tease or demean any child athlete, coach, or referee.
12. I will **RESPECT MY COACH**. Our coaches are an important part of our program. They are there to guide our children in learning the skills & strategies of the sport. I will always appreciate the time and effort they sacrifice for me.
13. I will **NOT** come to my child’s game **UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL**. I will respect my child and the game by not using alcohol as an excuse to behave badly during a contest.

## I SHALL NOT PARTAKE IN THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS....

- CHEATING
- LOSING ONE’S TEMPER
- NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF TEAMMATES
- NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF COACHES
- NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF REFEREES
- NEGATIVE CRITICISM OF OPPOSING PLAYERS
- BLAMING TEAMMATES FOR MISTAKES OR A POOR TEAM PERFORMANCE
- “TRASH TALK” & TAUNTING OPPONENTS
- ARGUING REFEREES CALLS OR JUDGEMENTS



### THE OLYMPIC OATH

“In the name of all competitors, I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic games, respecting and abiding by the rules that govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams.”