Northvale Recreation
Parent/Participant Code of Conduct

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Please keep in mind that, above all, the motivating factor for most children who enter an organized youth sports program is their desire to have fun. This is particularly true with young children, many of whom are newcomers to the youth sports scene. With a supportive attitude and a fundamental understanding of the 'basics' of a particular sport, everyone will come away from their youth sports with a positive experience.

- Applaud good plays, don't dwell on bad plays.
- DON'T yell if your child makes a mistake. Point out what they did well. Positive reinforcement goes a long way.
- Never lose sight of the fact that you are a role model for your child.
- Children imitate their parents. If you act inappropriately, your child will probably copy your actions.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent coach, opponent, or official in person, or through email or online posting.
- Stress fair and sensible play. Stress the importance of team play.
- Winning probably means more to you than it does to your child.
- The stands are not a place to shout personal instructions to your child.
- Do not coach from the side; this will distract your child and put them in potential danger if a game is in play.
- The Umpires and/or Referees are doing the best job they can possibly do. Take time to learn the rules of the game. It's easy to get 'caught up' in the game, but please do not be abusive to our officials.
- Respect the coach's decisions and abilities. Remember that our coaches are volunteers. A "thank you" every once in a while, is often reward enough.
- Understand that playing time will be based on the effort, attitude and commitment given to the team and coaches by your child and not based on skill level.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warming issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).
2. Written warning issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).
3. Immediate ejection from the current youth sports event issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).

I can appeal any action taken against me by the Northvale Recreation Committee by submitting a complaint/appeals form in writing to the Borough Hall and attending a disciplinary meeting set up by the Northvale Recreation Disciplinary Committee within two weeks of submitting my appeal. If I do not agree with the outcome, I can forward my appeal to the Mayor and Council for a final appeals process.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The game will be stopped by the official when a parent, spectator or participant displays inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior which interferes with the progress of the game. The official will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing them from the spectators' viewing area and/or game area. Once removed, play will resume. If a coach is asked to be removed by the official, the assistant coach will step up as coach for the remainer of the game. If the assistant coach, is asked to be removed by the official, the head coach will continue as coach for the remainer of the game. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time WILL NOT be made up and violators will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Northvale Recreation Committee. Inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include but not be limited to taunting, cursing, fighting, threatening physical violence, destruction of equipment and/or property.