

Bethel Recreation Association



Parent/Spectator/Participant Code of Conduct

Bethel Recreation strives to provide both a positive and safe environment for all those that participate in the program. Participants not only include, the players involved but also coaches, officials, supervisors, and parents and spectators. In order to best achieve our goal, Bethel Recreation feels that certain guidelines need to be followed.

- Parents will remember that the game is for the kids – not for adults.
- Parents will model good sportsmanship and teach good sportsmanship and behaviors to their children.
- Parents may not disrespectfully address or yell at an official, other coaches, players, parents or spectators.
- Parents may not attempt to influence an official's decision.
- Parents may not use profane or inappropriate language or obscene gestures.
- Parents may not disrespectfully address, bait, or taunt an opponent.
- The head coach is responsible for the conduct and behavior of players, bench personnel, parents and spectators from their team.
- Only the coach can talk to the official/umpire about rule applications. Arguing with the official/umpire about judgment calls is not tolerated.
- Problems with the coach are not a public issue. During and after the game is not the time to discuss playing time/position or other issues with your coach. If you have concerns, please discuss it with the coach in a mature fashion away from kids and other parents at a time when emotions don't over shadow common sense. An ideal time is the next day. If the issue cannot be resolved, parents need to contact a Program Coordinator.
- Everyone is expected to follow all of the Bethel School District policies on school grounds (i.e. **NO smoking/vaping, NO drinking, NO weapons and NO animals, including DOGS**).
- Parents will ask their players to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- At no time shall a coach, player or spectator make a threat of physical harm or use physical force towards an official, supervisor, staff, or other coaches, players or spectators.
- Children must be properly supervised at all BSD facilities and are not allowed to play on school equipment such as backstops or soccer goals.
- Site Supervisors and Bethel Recreation Staff have the right to remove anyone that does not adhere to the Parent Code of Conduct.
- Any parent or spectator who fails to comply with the above rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Procedures and Penalties

Once an alleged violation is reported to the Bethel Recreation Association, the following procedures will take place:

1. The Director/Board will conduct an investigation into the alleged violation and verify details of the allegation, including interviewing the person or persons who have made the report, as well as any witnesses who may have observed the incident.
2. The Director/Board will determine if disciplinary action should be taken based on the findings of the investigation, the nature and severity of the offense, and on whether this represents a repeat offense.
3. If a parent/spectator is found in violation of the Code of Conduct, they will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following penalties in any order or combination:

Official Warning/Reprimand, Suspension, Probation, Ban.