



## PARENT/SPECTATOR, COACH, and PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

### Youth Sports

#### **It's simple: BE A GOOD SPORT!**

Youth sports are supposed to be fun and **for the youth**. Unfortunately, many parents, fans, and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults.

The code of conduct for this league has been developed by Feather River Recreation and Parks District (FRRRD). Parents, fans, and coaches who follow this simple code can help reinforce what sports are all about: BEING FUN FOR EVERYONE!

1. Spectators must remain in the spectator area, away from the court/field of play, score table, players, and coaches.
2. Teams and spectators should demonstrate good sportsmanship! Players, coaches, and spectator comments should not be derogatory or demeaning towards opposing teams/players/coaches.
3. Spectators or players are not permitted to approach the score table or referee at any time. Only the coach has authority to speak with the score table or referee if there is a question regarding the awarding of a point.
4. Spectators and coaches will be a positive role model for children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and staff at every game, practice, and league event.
5. Spectators, coaches, and players will not engage in any kind of unsporting behavior with any official, coach, player, or spectator such as booing, taunting, mouthing off, trash-talking, refusing to shake hands, excessive celebration, or using profane language or gestures.
6. Spectators, coaches and players will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes or anyone involved in the game.
7. Spectators and coaches should praise their team members for competing fairly and trying hard and should make the players feel like a winner every time, regardless of the score!
8. The use of drugs, tobacco, vaping devices, and alcohol is prohibited at FRRPD activity sites, including parking areas. Spectators, coaches and players will refrain from their use during all league activities.
9. Parents, remember that coaches are volunteering their time! Respect the fact that they are willing to give so much of their time to your child.
10. Each team's coach is held responsible for the conduct of their fans/spectators/team participants.

11. If spectators, players, and/or coaches fail to abide by the code of conduct, they will be subject to disciplinary action as decided by FRRPD. Disciplinary action could include, but is not limited to: verbal warnings, written warnings, ejections, and suspensions of varying lengths up to a lifetime ban.
12. Officials, score keepers, and FRRPD staff have the authority to remove a player, coach, or spectator from a game and can declare the game a forfeit due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
13. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from any league activity is suspended for a minimum of one (1) week from all FRRPD league activities and facilities. The suspension could be longer depending on the severity of the infraction. Suspensions are not eligible for appeal.
14. Players, coaches, and spectators who have been ejected must leave the facilities and may not return until the completion of their suspension.
15. If the referee or scorekeeper witnesses any acts of tackling, elbowing, cheap shots, blocking, fighting, threats, or any unsportsmanlike act, the game will be stopped and the player can be ejected from the game. The league may decide to implement a suspension, depending on the severity of the infraction(s). FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
16. Suspensions carry over from season to season, and are enforced for all FRRPD leagues.

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School

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Player/Coach Signature

Print Name

Date

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Player Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date