

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

All sports sponsored by Southampton Township Cumberland County Park and Rec are instructional leagues for children that focus on skill development and works to build character and sharpen team-building skills. The Parent Code of Conduct carries a fundamental message regarding the proper role of parents/guardians in supporting their child in sports. Parents/guardians should read and sign this form prior to the start of the season.

‘Character Counts.’ The essential elements of building character and ethics in sports are represented by six principals of good character:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for our youth.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical limitations that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules and regulations of the game.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and support for all players, coaches, officials, and other spectators at games and practices.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules, to treat fellow players, coaches and officials with respect and to resolve conflicts without violence or hostility.
8. I will support my child and never ridicule or yell at my child or other players.
9. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature