

Park Sharon Athletic Association's Code of Conduct

Players, Parents & Coaches:

Park Sharon Athletic Association (PSAA) supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play and sportsmanship. Each person associated with PSAA is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representatives are responsible for their team, parents and spectators. Positive support for the team and all coaches is appreciated and expected. PSAA prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents and spectators.

Sportsmanship examples that are expected of all our age levels are:

- 1) Supporting and pulling for your team without taunting the opposing team, coaches or parents.
- 2) Not throwing equipment after a potentially demoralizing play or official's call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, at the end of the game.

PSAA actively supports the game officials. They are sometimes faced with difficult decisions which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse toward officials by players, coaches, parents or spectators could result in said individual being asked to leave the playing area (a coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of the spectators). The officials will also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. Therefore, you can see that positive encouragement is vital to the team's well being.

Players/Coaches/Parents/Spectators who are told to leave the playing area must leave immediately, out of sight of the playing area. He/She may be banned from attending games for one additional game or for a longer period of time if so determined by an inquiry of the Sport Commissioner. The Head Coach is responsible for reporting any such instances to the Sport Commissioner. The Sport Commissioner may assess a one game suspension. Longer suspensions, or settlements of disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote in an emergency meeting of a majority of the voting members of the PSAA Board of Governors.

All alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and/or tobacco products are banned on all Charlotte-Mecklenburg School and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks and Rec property.

Parents who agree to their child playing with PSAA, and players and coaches who agree to participate in sports for PSAA accept the rules and regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives. Remember that the players, coaches and officials will make mistakes, but the games are merely games which our children are playing for enjoyment and to learn their chosen sport. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of decent behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should act accordingly.

This Code of Conduct was developed by the PSAA Board of Governors.

Remember: We are all representatives of Park Sharon Athletic Association! To meet PSAA eligibility rules, the Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to the Sport Commissioner (through the league coaches) prior to the first regular season game, preferably by the second practice.

TO THE PLAYERS, PARENTS & COACHES:

We and our child have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the PSAA Code of Conduct. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____