

Effingham County Recreation and Parks

2010 Parent and Spectator Code of Ethics

1. Parents and spectators should remember that the recreation programs are for the children to learn fundamentals, techniques, sportsmanship, teamwork and to enjoy themselves.
2. Parents should also remember you are out to support the children in the programs, not to draw attention to yourself. So do not be rude, overbearing, or undignified.
3. Do not let a "Win at all Cost" attitude get to you. Through sports a child can experience attitudes which lead to a happy, productive, and well-adjusted life. By creating a healthy situation on a team, all children can be winners regardless of their winning or losing record. So do not get caught up in the "Win at all Cost" attitude.
4. Children learn much more from what parents and spectators say and do so do not be sorry later for what you do now.
5. No parent or spectator should use tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages on or around youth activity (practice or games). County ordinance prohibits smoking on all county property as of November 20, 2002.
6. Parents should remember to shape their character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to all children.
7. Any parent having knowledge of his or her son or daughter playing in a league under false age or identification will be suspended indefinitely from any other athletic event sponsored by ECRP.
8. Any parent or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner in any way that could prove detrimental to any league, player, official, coach, or another spectator, will be subject to the following disciplinary action by the recreation department:
 - a. Language unbecoming to the league. (Must leave the park immediately and may not return that day or night, plus suspension from the next game.)
 - b. Touching or striking a coach or official. (Suspension indefinitely.)
 - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event. (Must leave the park immediately and may not return that day or night, plus suspension the next game.)
 - d. Damage to Recreation Property. (Suspension indefinitely.)
 - e. Thrown out of a game. (Must leave the park immediately and may not return that day or night, plus suspension of the next game.)
9. Parents and Spectators should remember that coaches are volunteers and are giving up their time help boys and girls learn the game. So unless you are willing to take an active part in coaching, you should not complain or offer advice from the stands.
10. Parents and Spectators who come to sports activities should not just root for their child's team, but for all teams.

Players Name (Print) _____

Parents Name (Print) _____

Parents Signature _____