

Salisbury Recreation Commission Code of Conduct

Expectations For Players

- Understand the privilege of representing your community.
- Demonstrate personal responsibility as an athlete on a team.
- Demonstrate respect for our community and for the communities we compete against.
- Make positive contributions to your team and community.
- Play to the best of your ability all the time; be prepared and work hard for yourself and for the good of your team.
- Learn to work collaboratively as a team.
- Obey the rules of the game; always play fair no matter what.
- Applaud the efforts of your teammates and opponents when you win and when you lose.
- Show good sportsmanship whether you win or lose; conduct yourself with honor and dignity.
- Accept the decisions of the officials and your coaches with good grace.
- Arrive on time for practices and games. Notify your coach if you will be absent or late.
- Wear the proper equipment for your sport to all practices and games(i.e. shin guards, mouth guards, etc.)
- At the end of the season, promptly return all uniforms and equipment you were issued.
- Do not use alcohol, tobacco products, or any illegal substances at any time.
- Do not deface property, litter or remove equipment of any kind from your own town or another town.
- Have fun and enjoy the sport you are playing.

Expectations For Parents

- Be a positive role model – children learn more from example than criticism.
- Help make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience.
- Help relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it; children are easily affected by parental pressure and outside influences.
- Teach through example; be respectful to your child's coach and to officials. If you wish to discuss something with your child's coach, wait until after the practice/game is over and do so in private.
- Applaud good play by members of both teams.
- Teach respect for an official's call even if you believe the call was wrong; each referee follows the same creed to call the game to the best of his/her ability.
- Be sensitive to your child in public; do not question his/her judgment or honesty.
- Be positive: recognize the good things your child, his/her teammates, and coaches do. Accept the results of each game by encouraging your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by working toward improvements.
- Register your child by the stated sign up date. Fill out all forms and enclose the required fee.
- Parents are expected to bring their child to all practices and games on time and to pick them up promptly at the designated time. Please call the coach if a problem arises.
- Special requests for particular coaches, teams, etc. are discouraged. This makes it difficult to run an efficient program.
- Assist your child in returning all issued equipment clean and in good condition at the appointed time.

Expectations for Coaches

- Be a positive role model for your athletes. Remember the impact you have on their physical and social development.
- Treat everyone on your team with respect. Profanity has no place in athletics.
- Arrive early for every practice and game, and remain until all players have been picked up. Never leave an athlete at a practice site or game without a responsible adult.
- Keep track of all equipment issued to you by the recreation director and return all team equipment promptly at the conclusion of the season.
- Do not use alcohol, tobacco products, or any illegal drugs while coaching.
- Teach respect for an official's call even if you believe the call was wrong; each referee follows the same creed to call the game to the best of his/her ability.
- Coaches must adhere to the rules regarding playing time for each participant. This will vary depending on the sport and level of play.
- Coaches shall conduct themselves in a way which brings credit to themselves, their team, and their community.
- Coaches should be responsible not only for coaching their teams, but also for running games, dealing fairly and properly with officials, meeting before and after games with visiting coaches and players, and maintaining an objectivity and sense of balance commensurate with good sportsmanship. Coaches shall preserve the tradition of shaking hands after games and matches.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is expected from all players, coaches, and fans at all times. Treat people with respect including teammates, coaches, yourself, opponents, and officials. Unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone which results in an ejection from a game, or any one who has exhibited violent or abusive behavior prior to, during, or immediately following a game or practice shall automatically be suspended from the current game and a minimum of the next game. A second unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to dismissal from the team for the rest of the season.

Chain of Authority

If an athlete or a parent has an issue they wish to discuss they should contact the following in this order: 1) the coach, 2) the Recreation Director, 3) the Recreation Commission, 4) the Board of Selectmen.

If a coach has an issue with a parent or athlete they wish to discuss they should contact the following in this order: 1) the Recreation Director, 2) the Recreation Commission, 3) the Board of Selectmen.

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To the participant

I herby acknowledge I the participant have read the Salisbury Recreation Commissions Code of Conduct and I agree to adhere to the stated expectations, philosophies and guidelines while participating in Salisbury Recreation Commission sponsored programs. I understand that not complying with the code of conduct could lead to an immediate removal from the activity.

(Print name of participant)

(Activity)

Signed _____
(Participant Signature)

(Date)

To the parent

I herby Acknowledge I the Parent have read the Salisbury Recreation Commissions Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to the stated expectations, philosophies and guidelines.

(Print parent/guardian name)

(Activity)

Signed _____
(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

To the coach

I herby Acknowledge I the Coach have read the Salisbury Recreation Commissions Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to the stated expectations, philosophies and guidelines. I understand that not complying with the code of conduct could lead to immediate removal from an appointed coaching position by the Recreation Commission.

(Print name)

(Activity)

(Coaches Signature)

(Date)