



CITY OF OBETZ



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City of Obetz Youth Sports League Code of Conduct

General Conduct

Respect: All participants, coaches, officials, and spectators must show respect towards each other, regardless of the outcome of the game. This includes, but is not limited to:

ASTAIN FROM DEROGATORY COMMENTS, GESTURES, OR ANY FORM OF BULLYING ON OR OFF THE FIELD, RELATING TO THE LEAGUE AND ANY PLAYERS, COACHES OR STAFF OF THE LEAGUE. THIS INCLUDES THROUGH GROUP CHATS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND TEAM MEETINGS

DISPLAY SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT. DO NOT CRITICIZE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS, COACHES, OR FANS.

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AND KEEP COMMENTS POSITIVE.

ADDRESS OFFICIALS AND COACHES BY APPROPRIATE TITLES.

NOTIFY THE COACH OF ANY ABSENCE.

NO FOUL LANGUAGE OR OBSCENE GESTURES.

Compliance: Adherence to the rules and decisions made by the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee is mandatory. Disputes should be handled professionally and through the proper channels.

24 Hour Cool Down Rule:

The 24-hour cool down rule is designed to allow emotions to settle and for all parties involved to approach the situation with a clear and calm mindset. We understand that emotions can run high during and immediately after games, and addressing issues in the heat of the moment may not lead to productive outcomes. By taking a step back and allowing for a cool down period, we aim to facilitate constructive dialogue and find mutually beneficial solutions.

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Waiting Period: Parents, coaches, and players are required to wait a minimum of 24 hours after the conclusion of a game before reaching out to the Youth Sports Coordinator or any other relevant party to discuss concerns or grievances.

Communication Channels: All communications regarding concerns or grievances should be directed through the appropriate channels established by the Youth Sports Organization. This may include contacting the Youth Sports Coordinator via email, phone, or scheduling an in-person meeting. Email: jgifford@obetz.oh.us Phone: 614-491-1080

Respectful Dialogue: When discussing concerns or grievances, all parties are expected to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue. Personal attacks, aggressive behavior, or disrespectful language will not be tolerated.

Confidentiality: All communications related to concerns or grievances will be treated with confidentiality and handled in a discreet manner. Information shared will only be disclosed to individuals directly involved in addressing the issue.

Timely Resolution: Once the 24-hour cool down period has elapsed, the Youth Sports Coordinator will work with the relevant parties to address the concerns or grievances in a timely manner. This may involve gathering additional information, facilitating discussions, or implementing solutions as deemed appropriate.

Specific Prohibitions

To maintain the league's focus on community and sport, the following activities are strictly prohibited at all games, practices, and league-related events:

Food Trucks and External Vendors:

No food trucks or external food/beverage vendors are allowed at league events without explicit permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee.

This rule is in place to ensure safety, reduce distractions, and manage waste and traffic effectively.

Vendor Tents and Unauthorized Selling:

Setting up vendor tents or selling merchandise, food, or beverages without prior approval from the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee is prohibited.

This includes any form of unauthorized fundraising activities or promotion of external businesses.

Assembling Tents That Block Views:

Erecting tents or any structure that obstructs the view of the playing field is strictly prohibited. All spectators deserve an unobstructed view of the game, and safety must be maintained at all times.

Uniforms:

All teams must adhere to the league-provided uniforms. Personal modifications or alternative uniforms are not permitted. Bows for Cheer and Socks that are not provided by the city can be provided by parents. This ensures consistency, fairness, and unity among participants.

Equipment:

Only approved equipment may be used during games and practices. This is to ensure safety and fairness in league play.

Facility Use: The use of league facilities must be respectful and mindful of maintaining cleanliness and order. Unauthorized use of the fields, equipment, or other facilities is strictly forbidden.

Parking:

Parking is allowed only in designated areas. This is to ensure safety, maximize available space, and minimize disruptions to the local community and environment. Vehicles parked outside of designated areas may be subject to towing or fines.

Unsanctioned Practices or Training:

No team or individual shall conduct unsanctioned practices or training sessions on league facilities without prior approval from the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee. This ensures that all league activities are conducted under approved guidelines and insurance coverage.

Use of City Name or Logo:

Unauthorized use of the City of Obetz name or logo is strictly prohibited. This includes any merchandise, promotional materials, or public or online representations. Such use must be approved in writing by the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee to ensure consistency and proper representation of the city and league.

Authorized Coaches and Background Checks:

Only authorized coaches who have passed the required background checks are permitted to interact with or coach the players. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. Unauthorized individuals are not allowed to assume coaching responsibilities or interact with the players in a coaching capacity at any time.

Right to Disqualify

The City of Obetz reserves the right to disqualify any players, parents, coaches, or spectators who create acrimonious environments or fail to adhere to the league's rules and regulations. This action is deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the league, ensure the safety of all participants, and foster a positive and respectful atmosphere.

Sidelines: No one shall be on the sidelines, dugouts, or the field of play unless they are a registered and approved coach or player. (This includes team moms, team nurses, etc.)

Enforcement and Penalties

Non-compliance with this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary actions, as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee, which may include warnings, game forfeiture, suspension, or expulsion from the league, depending on the severity of the infraction.

First Violation: Warning and a meeting with the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee to discuss the breach.

Second Violation: Game forfeiture or temporary suspension from the league.

Repeated Violations: May result in extended suspension or permanent expulsion from the league.

Any violation of the rules if deemed serious enough by the Director of Parks may result in more serious penalties up to and including exclusion from the league and a ban from city property

The City of Obetz Baseball/Softball League is committed to providing a safe, enjoyable, and respectful environment for all. By participating in the league, all members agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and to uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and community spirit.

BY SIGNING THE RELEASE AND ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN AN OBETZ ATHLETICS' SPORTS PROGRAM, YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR GUESTS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT.

Parent/Guardian/Adult in Charge Name (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Childs Name: _____

Sport: _____ Division: _____