

SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department promotes sportsmanship, respect, integrity and fair play in all of its programs. We have an ongoing concern about keeping a high standard of sportsmanship in each of our sports. Players and recreation employees (officials, scorekeepers, supervisors etc.) should be able to feel they are in a "safe" environment when they are participating or working. We desire that all parents, guardians and participants be aware of our "**Spectators Code of Conduct**" before choosing to participate in the city's recreation programs.

Salem Parks and Recreation has established the following "**Spectators Code of Conduct**" for everyone involved in our programs. All parents, guardians and spectators are expected to know, promote and adhere to the following standards of conduct. This code of conduct will apply in all of our youth, adult and special event programs and activities.

1. Remember that these programs are for the participants; they are not for the spectators or coaches! Therefore ALL participants deserve a right to fairness and being in a safe , non-threatening environment at all times.
2. Spectators must conduct themselves in a manner that would be an example and a role model to the youth participating or in attendance during our programs and activities.
3. Promote good sportsmanship by not arguing with officials, coaches, participants or other spectators.
4. Adhere strictly to the rules of the games and not attempt to change or manipulate those rules in order to win or for personal benefit.
5. No smoking, drinking or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed in city facilities, school property or at anytime while attending programs or activities, including practices.
6. Abuse or harassment of players, officials, scorekeepers or other spectators in any form will not be tolerated.
7. Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated. Putting down or demoralizing of officials, coaches players, other spectators or recreation staff is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
8. At the discretion of the Salem City Parks and Recreation Site Supervisor(s), any spectator(s) not adhering to this "Code of Conduct" and engaging in negative behavior may be dismissed from the program site immediately. Failure to leave when asked will result in police being involved in the removal as needed. Parks & Recreation staff will further investigate the matter and determine the seriousness of the incident to determine any further discipline.

ACCEPTANCE OF CODE OF CONDUCT

I acknowledge that Salem City Parks and Recreation has created a "Spectators Code of Conduct". I have read this code of conduct which is described above and agree to abide by these standards. I understand that if I do not abide by this code of conduct, I may be removed as a player / spectator and may be prohibited from participating in future events.

It is the goal of Salem Parks and Recreation to uphold the integrity of each program it offers. I further acknowledge that participating in Salem City's recreation events is a privilege and I fully agree to adhere to the "Spectators Code of Conduct" and encourage anyone accompanying me (siblings, grandparents, friends ,etc..) to do the same. Failure to do so may result in ejection, forfeited games, and or suspension from future participation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

