



Smithfield Recreation Association



Smithfield Recreation Association Mission Statement and Parent Code of Conduct

Our mission is to encourage, in all of the children who participate in our program, the development of sportsmanship, athletic skill, teamwork, self-reliance, self-discipline, and the ability to win graciously and to lose with dignity.

The Smithfield Recreation Association is in operation for the benefit of the children who participate. The manner in which you conduct yourself has a direct effect on the league's ability to provide a positive experience for all of the children who participate. This is in keeping with P.O.N.Y.'s original meaning which is to Protect Our Nation's Youth. The following rules and guidelines have been set to ensure the success of our league, and adherence to these is mandatory for participation in all Smithfield Recreation Association functions, including but not limited to practices, games, and tournaments. I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Code of Conduct and Mission Statement. Furthermore, I understand that my failure to comply with this agreement will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Smithfield Recreation Association.

1. I will keep the proper perspective and remember that my child plays baseball/softball for his/her enjoyment, not mine, and that the overall objective is to provide a fun, sports oriented, learning experience for my child.
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules.
3. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
4. I will encourage good sportsmanship at all times by setting a positive example for any child participating in any activity associated with the league.
5. Only uniformed players, manager, coaches, and scorekeeper are allowed in the dugout. Unauthorized persons in the dugout will be asked to leave. After one warning the umpire may declare the game a forfeit if an unauthorized party refuses to leave.
6. No player, manager, coach, scorekeeper, or spectator is permitted to call an opposing player by name, number or defensive position while player is batting, running, fielding, or pitching. After one warning the umpire may eject the offending party from the game.
7. I will remember that everyone associated with the league, is a volunteer, and that they are taking time out of their lives to provide a sporting opportunity for my child.
8. I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff, and I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
9. I will respect and support the umpires and league officials and their authority during games.
10. I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. I understand that if something does occur with which I disagree, I will calmly seek an appropriate solution, at the appropriate time.
11. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I (and any invited guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures.
14. I will make every effort to ensure that my child will be on time to attend all practices and games. When this is not possible, I will provide adequate notification to the coach.
15. I will pick up my child from practices and games in a timely manner, remembering that my coach's time is valuable.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events. In addition, I will not attend any Smithfield Recreation Association function while being under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.
17. I will refrain from tobacco use at all fields. Out of consideration for others, any tobacco use is to be at a considerable distance from the children and playing fields, and only in designated posted areas.
18. I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
19. In realizing that SRA is a strictly volunteer organization, I understand that there are mandatory duties that will require my participation. Examples of this will be, but not limited to concession stand duty and fundraising. My participation in these duties will be coordinated with the team coach/and or team mom and the appropriate SRA board member.

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____