



Mansfield Parks & Recreation

Family, Fitness & Fun!

Parent Expectations and Responsibilities

Mansfield Youth Basketball Program K-8 Recreation and Travel Divisions

Mansfield Parks and Recreation believes that parents play an important role in positively shaping a child's sport experience. Helping your children discover the fun in participation, learning the basic sport fundamentals, teamwork and how to demonstrate good sportsmanship is a key role for parents. Mansfield Parks and Recreation administration and coaches have embraced standards and guidelines established by the National Alliance for Youth Sports as well as mandated coaching certification with the National Youth Sports Coaching Association.

We ask parents to be knowledgeable and supportive of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association pledges for coaches, parents and players listed on the following pages of this document. This information is also summarized and posted in Mansfield gymnasiums and on fields of play.

*See Parent, Player and Coach Pledges on following three pages. At this time, it is not necessary to return a signed copy to coach or MPRD.



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Mansfield Parks and Recreation has been awarded the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation for **2018/2019** for Youth Basketball. The Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation is a seal of commitment to quality based on nationally accepted standards. Achieving this designation demonstrates **Mansfield Parks and Recreation** has undergone a review process and has shown a commitment to a safe, quality youth sports environment for the families we serve. For more information about the designation, visit www.nays.org/quality. This fall **Mansfield Parks and Recreation** will again apply for the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider status for 2020.





CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this NAYS Parents' Code of Ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

Parent Signature

Date



PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experiences and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics pledge:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Player Signature

Date



CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a NAYS Coach by following the NAYS Coaches' Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Coach Signature

Date