

CRESSKILL RECREATION ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Whereas, New Jersey has adopted New Jersey “Code of Conduct Law” (P.L. 2002, Chapter 74), and encourages governing bodies to enact a Code of Conduct; and

Whereas, Cresskill wishes to encourage and further good sportsmanship in its Recreation Program,

Now therefore, to accomplish the State and Cresskill objectives, Cresskill adopts this Ordinance as the law for Cresskill and directs that in order to participate in Cresskill Recreation Programs, the parents or legal guardians of a participant must sign and agree to the Code of Conduct and satisfy all other segments of the Cresskill Recreation Committee, including but not limited to compliance with the Committee’s written policy for sports participation:

Preamble:

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

Code of Conduct:

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all children participating in youth sports by following this Athletic Code of Conduct.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or any other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players, ahead of any competitive desire to defeat the opposing team.

I will cooperate to see that all children play in a safe and healthy environment.

I recognize that my child’s coach is trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach will uphold the Athletic Code of Conduct.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child and all other players in order to encourage a positive, enjoyable experience for all players, coaches, and officials.

I will promote a sports environment for my child and all other players that are free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from use of the same at all youth sports events.

I acknowledge that the games are for the children, not adults, and are to encourage good sportsmanship, not competition.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for all children, coaches, and officials.

I will demand my child treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, ability, or disability.

I will help all children enjoy their youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, supporting coaches, or providing transportation in a reasonable and safe manner.

I agree that should my child fail to abide by the provisions of the Cresskill Recreation, Athletic Code of Conduct in the judgement of a coach, official or a school board or youth sports organization, my child will be subject to all disciplinary actions authorized by said code.

Disciplinary actions:

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
2. Written warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league, organization or school officials who is authorization to issue such suspension or ejection by a school board or youth sports organization.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issued such suspension by a school board or youth sports organization.
5. Season suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by youth sports organization or school board.