

ERIE YOUTH SPORTS COACH/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A. STATEMENT

- Coaches, players, parents and spectators have a responsibility to behave in a respectful manner that will instill a sense of sportsmanship in all players.
- As a coach, player, parent or spectator at a Town of Erie youth sporting event I understand:
 - o It will not be tolerated at any time to lay a hand upon, push, shove, and threaten to strike or verbally threaten an official, player, other coach or supervisor.
 - Being involved in a physical altercation with a player, coach, spectator, or staff member will result in my ejection from the game and possible suspension from future games.
 - All coaches, players, parents, and spectators will abide by the officials decision. The
 official's decision and/or calls are not arguable. If you have a concern regarding the
 officiating contact your league coordinator.
 - Verbal abuse, harassment, and/or unsportsmanlike behavior towards an official, player, spectator, supervisor, coach or athletics staff member is not tolerated.
 - All coaches, players, parents and spectators will refrain from the use of vulgar or unsportsmanlike manners including language while practices and games.
 - Any coach, player, parent or spectator that is ejected from the game must leave the playing area immediately upon request. Failure to leave will result in suspension of the game and/or forfeiture of the game.
 - The zero tolerance policy is in effect at all athletic events.
- Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct will result in ejection from the game and possible suspension from future games.

B. **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

• There will be zero tolerance for players, coaches and spectators who engage in harassing and/or unsportsmanlike behavior with umpires / officials, other spectators, game supervisors, other players, other coaches, or Athletic Staff. Officials, game supervisors and Athletic Staff have the authority to penalize the player, coach, spectator, or team if an official is sworn at, harassed, argued with, or insulted. Penalties will range from: warning, to ejection from game, to suspension from future games and possible forfeiture of the game.

C. DISCIPLINARY PRODCEDURES

- Official(s) and/or staff members at all recreation program sites have the authority to reprimand and/or eject coaches for misconduct. An ejection of any type will result in a minimum of a 1-game suspensions from any recreation program and /or facility (the ejection game is not included in the suspension period); suspensions may carry over to the next season.
- League Coordinators will handle disciplinary procedures on a case by case basis