Barnstable Recreation
Parent’s Code of Conduct

The Barnstable Recreation Division has adopted the following Parent’s Code of Conduct for programs, activities, and events. Youth sports/activities can be used as an opportunity for your child to learn how to engage in healthy competition while maintaining respect for their opponents.

All parties attending our programs/activities/events should adhere to the highest standard of positive support for the participants. By participating in Barnstable Recreation programs, all parties must abide by the Parent’s Code of Conduct. Violations may result in the loss of privileges at programs, activities, and/or events.

1. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, staff, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or program event.

2. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any staff, officials, coaches, player or parents. This conduct could include booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

3. I will respect the staff/officials and their authority. I will refrain from questioning, discussing or confronting staff/officials during the games, and will take time to speak with the staff/officials at an agreed upon time and place.

4. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the program is for the youths, not the adults.

5. I will demand a program environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

6. I realize that the purpose of my attendance is to observe a program and support recreation activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.

7. I will respect the athletic facility in which I am visiting and will not damage or deface town or school property. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and consent to abide by all listed terms.