

Parental Game Day Behavior

- Parents must be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regard to their child's play on and off the field.
- Parents must be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regard to other children's play on and off the field (including children on teams playing against their child).
 - Parents must respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
 - Parents must refrain from coaching and/or officiating from the stands. Parents who coach from the stands confuse players and often undermine what the coach and players are trying to achieve on the field. Parents who officiate from the stands undermine efforts to promote proper ideals of sportsmanship.
 - Parents should become familiar with the rules of the game.
- Parents should not gather in or near the bench or dugout area or otherwise interfere with the Coach while performing his or her duties.
 - Parents may not step onto the playing field for any reason during a practice or game, except when invited to do so by the Head Coach in the case of an injury to their child.
- Parents shall show good sportsmanship in all respects and remember that the opposing players are also young children who are learning sportsmanship and skills as well.
- Parents shall not be abusive in any way to players opposing their child's team and shall not use any equipment to increase the volume of their voice on the sidelines, including any microphones or megaphones.
- All cheering should be positive and appropriately subdued – remember, for every child who succeeds, there may be a disappointed child on the other team.

Parental/Coach Communications

1. Parents cannot communicate with the Head Coach of their child's team immediately before or during a game or practice, except to convey factual information regarding a child's attendance or similar logistical information relating to that game or future practices or games such as transportation arrangements, absences, availability, etc. Absolutely no communication regarding any prior events (particularly grievances) may be made at such time.
2. If an issue arises that requires communication, parents must wait at least 24 hours after a game/practice before communicating with the Head Coach and should think carefully during this time about what they want to say and how it is likely to be received by a volunteer who is trying to weigh the needs of all of his/her players to do what is best for the team.
3. All communication with the Head Coach shall be in a civil tone and using appropriate language, showing the appropriate level of respect and taking into account that this coach is a volunteer who has been selected by the Recreation Department to act as an authority figure for your child.
4. The types of issues that should be discussed between parents and coaches are the treatment of their child (mentally and physically), ways to help their child improve and concerns about their child's behavior.

5. In connection with all travel teams where it is the stated philosophy that the team is in a competitive league and playing time may not be equal or substantially equal, it is inappropriate for a parent to discuss their child's playing time. In connection with all teams, travel or rec, it is inappropriate for a parent to discuss team strategy and/or play calling, positioning or placement in batting order, etc. (unless the written rules of the related league have requirements regarding such issues which the parent reasonably believes have not been adhered to) and any issues regarding any other children on the team, unless those issues relate to the safety and physical or mental well-being of your child.

6. Email communications between parents and coaches must be limited to communications involving scheduling, attendance at future games, and responses to coaches' Emails regarding similar topics. Under no circumstances are grievances between parents and coaches to be aired via Email – these conversations should occur in person or via telephone. All such conversations should be limited to the parent involved and the coach and should in no event be undertaken in a location where the affected child or children are present. All such conversations must remain civil in both tone and choice of language.

7. Parents should keep in mind that the purpose of athletics is for the benefit of the children and to teach them sportsmanship and skills. Travel teams may have slightly different goals and philosophies from rec teams and parents should be sure to understand these goals and philosophies, as well as the specific rules by which the team is governed, prior to having their child participate so as to avoid possible subsequent conflicts with the coaches.

8. Parents who violate the above rules will be subject to suspension and/or banishment from practices and/or games.

Chain of Communications

- Parents must first communicate with their child's Head Coach.
- If issues remain after a good faith effort to resolve the dispute, parents must communicate in person or by telephone with the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. If necessary, a meeting will be scheduled between the parents and the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

Violations of Parental Game Day Behavior and/or Parental /Coach Communications

- Parents who violate the above rules will be subject to sanctions, including suspension from viewing games, banishment from viewing games and, ultimately the suspension or banishment of their child from participation from in Rye Brook Village Parks and Recreation run or sponsored sporting events.

Parties to Whom These Rules Are Applicable

The term "Parent" as used in these rules, shall be applicable to any parent or other person acting as the adult supervisor of a child playing on a team under the supervision of the Rye Brook Recreation Department and will include, without limitation, step-parents, grandparents, legal guardians, other adult relatives and family friends who may be in attendance at games or practices or who otherwise may be in a supervisory capacity for any participating child. By allowing a child to participate in activities sponsored by the Rye Brook Recreation Department, each parent agrees that he or she, the other parent, and any other guardians, relatives or other adult supervisors who accompany their children to any games or practices will be bound by the rules provided herein. Parents are also expected to ensure that their other children in attendance at games or practices will abide by these rules as well.

The undersigned parents hereby acknowledge that they have read and understand the Parental Rules of Conduct set forth above and agree to be bound by them. No child will be permitted to participate in any activities sanctioned by the Rye Brook Recreation Department unless BOTH parents have signed this form, filled in the date, and returned it to the Rec Office.

Also:

I hereby authorize my child/children to participate in the Youth Basketball program sponsored by the Rye Brook Parks and Recreation Department. I hereby release the Village of Rye Brook, their servants, employees and volunteers from any liability for personal injuries or property damage sustained by my child/children in connection with such participation. In case of injury, I authorize the Recreation staff members to take my child to the hospital for treatment.

Childs Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Please Sign: _____ Date: _____