

# Readington Recreation Department

## *Code of Conduct All Programs*

The Township of Readington adopted Ordinance #16-2005 governing conduct at youth and adult sporting events held in the Township. This ordinance is found in the General Code of Readington at Chapter 202, et seq. and is based on the State of New Jersey Legislature's finding that interscholastic and youth athletic programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children; that it is essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage your athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship; and that adults involved in youth sports events should be models for good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control as set forth in N.J.S.A 5:17-1 et seq.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE:**

Any players, participants, parents, coaches, spectators and attendees who conduct themselves in a manner found to be detrimental to the welfare of Readington Township Recreation may be removed from participating on a temporary or permanent basis.

All coaches, officials, parents, participants, players, spectators, and attendees who participate in or watch athletic programs, events or activities of the Readington Township Recreation Department or who are playing or watching any athletic program, event or activity upon any public property owned by Readington Township, shall be responsible for their own words, and actions, and each such individual shall conform his or her behavior to the following Athletic Code of Conduct:

1. Each person Shall demonstrate fairness, respect, and self-control at all times;
2. Each person shall encourage his or her child or children to demonstrate fairness, respect, and self-control at all times;
3. Each person shall treat any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
4. Each person shall encourage his or her child or children to treat any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
5. Each person shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
6. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
7. Each person shall not engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
8. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person, to engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
9. Each person shall not use or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event on Readington Township property, and shall not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a Readington Township athletic event or activity while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. ( Source: Ch. 168-13 and 20 of the Twp Code)
10. Each person shall not permit his or her child or children, or encourage any other person, to use or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at a Readington Township youth sports event. (Source: Ch. 168-13 and 20 of the Twp. Code)

11. Each person shall not engage in the use of profanity.
12. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
13. Each person shall not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
14. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
15. Each person shall not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.
16. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, official, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.

**I have reviewed (or been made aware or been given a copy of ) Chapter 202 of the General Code of Readington Township and this Code of Conduct and I hereby agree that if I fail to conform to the Readington Recreation Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following. I understand that violations may result in one or more of the following actions depending upon the severity of the act – Do not in any way interpret the following as sequential. I understand that penalties may be imposed in any order or in any combination – This document is applicable to any coach, parent, player, participant, or any other attendee.**

1. Verbal warning issued by the Readington Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization, coach, or official.
2. Written warning issued by the Readington Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization, coach, or official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from an athletic event or activity issued by the Readington Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization, coach, or official.
4. Suspension from multiple athletic events or activities events issued by the Readington Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization, or official.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension from athletic events or activities events issued by the Readington Recreation Department, or by a properly-authorized league, organization, or official
6. Monetary and other penalties set forth in Sec. 202-6 of the Readington Twp. Code.

Any parent, player, participant, or any other attendee asked by an official or coach to leave the practice or game due to any above stated behaviors, must be reported by the coach to the Director of Readington Recreation within 48 hours.

Any parent, player, participant, or any other attendee observing a coach being asked to leave a game or violating any of the above stated behaviors is encouraged to report the behavior to the Director of Readington Recreation with anonymity if they so choose.

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 (Print) Child's Full Name

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 Parent/Guardian Signature

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