

RESPECT POLICY

All City of Orillia recreational facilities have been designated as HARASSMENT FREE. Harassment is defined as offensive, abusive, belittling, threatening, or any unwelcome behaviour directed towards another person for any reason whatsoever.

PARTICIPANTS

I will play by the rules.

- I will not argue with any game official.
- I will work equally hard for my team and myself. My team's performance will benefit and so will mine.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays, whether my team or the opposition makes them.
- I will show respect to and acknowledge both the opponents and the game officials.
- I will cooperate with my coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit and not just to please my parents and coaches.
- I will play fair - no verbal abuse of officials, vilifying other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS

Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not mine.

- Encourage children to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for not winning.
- Respect the officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse, bullying, or intimidation in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or participants.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants.

COACHES

I will remember that young people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.

- I will give young people the chance to try different playing positions.
- I will create opportunities for participants to learn appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- I will keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications.
- I will show respect to and acknowledge both the opponents and the game officials.
- I will operate within the rules and spirit of the sport and teach the players to do the same.
- I will always relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.
- I will ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- I will listen to my players and ensure that the time they spend with me is a positive experience.
- I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants.