

Fairfax Youth Sports Waiver and Release
And Sportsmanship Expectations
General Program Waiver and Consent to Obtain Medical Treatment
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General Program Waiver Consent to Obtain Treatment. I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the below-named child, am aware that my child's participation in the above program has some inherent risks and that injury and/or sickness (including from exposure to COVID-19) could result. In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in the program, I assume the risk of any and all injury, sickness, death, and/or property damage arising from my child's participation in the program, including transportation to and from all activities in the program, and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby agree to hold harmless, indemnify, release, not sue, and forever discharge Fairfax Youth Sports (FYS), the City of Fairfax (City), and their respective officials, officers, employees, sponsors, organizers, supervisors, volunteers, participants, and agents, from any and all claims, actions or causes of action of whatever kind and nature, pertaining to the same. Additionally, in the event of an emergency, I also authorize any of the persons set forth in the prior sentence to obtain any necessary medical treatment for my child on my behalf if I am not present.

Photo, Video, Social-Media, Waiver and Release. I hereby give the Fairfax Parks & Recreation department and the City permission to take photographs and/or videos of myself or my child or photographs and/or videos in which my child may be involved with others without compensation to me. These photographs and/or videos may be used by the program for promotional and information purposes in print, on the program website, and in other media.

Sportsmanship and Participant Expectations. I agree that my child and I will abide by the terms of participation for the program set forth below:

Sportsmanship and Expectations of all participants in FYS activities

1. Good sportsmanship will be expected of each parent, player, spectator, and coach. Parents & coaches are responsible for setting a good example for the players and other spectators. Actions not tolerated: negative comments, throwing equipment, swearing, taunting other teams or umpires, or any other action on our part that is negative in nature.
2. **Umpires:** Umpires manage the games by interpreting the rules of the game or the rules that they have been given. Each league has a different set of rules. Will they make mistakes sometimes? Yes. When they do, should you engage with them and tell them about it? No. No matter who you are. Umpires have the final say. Period.
3. **Coaches:** Coaches are usually parents who have volunteered to give up 6-8 hours per week or more to make sure that your player has a place to play in a relatively inexpensive and safe sports program in the summer or fall and lug around 60 – 70 lbs. of equipment. The coaches play the players how and when they see fit and deserve the respect that comes along with their role. Please allow them to do the job they have volunteered for. Being a volunteer coach does not give them the right to display unsportsmanlike conduct to the umpires, their players, other coaches, opposing players, or fans. In fact, they are held to a higher standard and must lead by example and show good sportsmanlike conduct at all times.

4. **Players:** The safety and well-being of the players is our first priority. Some are very good and some are still trying to find their groove. They already have a coach. Only their coach should be giving them instructions when the game is going on. They should always show their coach(s), teammates, opposing coaches and players, and the umpire's respect. Players who use profanity or show unsportsmanlike conduct should be removed from the game and facility immediately. NO EXCEPTIONS.

5. **Parents:** Parents have the hardest expectations of all. The expectation of you is... **NOTHING!** You are not expected to umpire the game. You are not expected to coach your player or anyone else's during a game, and by all means you cannot play in the game. All you are expected to do is sit there and enjoy the game. If you can't help yourself and feel you must interject yourself into the game, move down the right or left field fence line and sit as far away from the action as you can. If you display unsportsmanlike conduct or use profanity in any way you will be removed from the game and facility immediately. NO EXCEPTIONS.

6. With all the current personal electronics with cameras and video capability, participants can show up on social media anytime. Make sure you are on there for the right reasons.

7. NO participant will use profanity or display any unsportsmanlike conduct. If they display unsportsmanlike behavior or use profanity in any way, the incident should be reported to the Parks & Rec Director immediately. The director may eject said participant from the program indefinitely.

**These are the simple and clear expectations of all FYS participants
and visitors to all of our sporting facilities.**