

# South Charlotte Recreation Association's Code of Conduct

Players, Parents & Coaches:

South Charlotte Recreation Association (SCRA) supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play and sportsmanship. Each person associated with SCRA is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representatives are responsible for their team, parents and spectators. Positive support for all teams and all coaches is appreciated and expected. SCRA prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents and spectators.

- 1) Positive support should be expressed for a player's own team, without mocking, goading or teasing the opposing team.
- 2) Players, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to remain in control and **MAY NOT** throw any equipment due to the outcome of a play, game or officiating call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, is mandatory at the end of the game.
- 4) With respect to game officials (umpires and referees), it should be understood that SCRA actively supports the game officials. There are certain to be times that players, coaches, parents and spectators will disagree with a call made by an official. Although there may be disagreement and discussion, it should be conducted in a respectful, non-abusive, calm manner, and should not materially interrupt the flow of the game. **It is the responsibility of the coach, parent or adult spectator to make sure the game flow is not interrupted.** Verbal abuse toward officials will result in a warning given to the offending **team**. If the warning is ignored, the official may eject the offending individual, who must then leave the game location, out of sight of the playing area. The officials will also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. In this manner positive encouragement and good sportsmanship is vital to the team's well being.
- 5) If any coach is ejected from a game due to their own behavior, they will be suspended for three (3) games. If it happens a second time in the season, they will not be permitted to coach at SCRA for the remainder of the sport season **in any age group and will be disqualified from coaching an SCRA-sponsored "All-Star" or "Challenge" team**. If this behavior is repeated in multiple seasons, the coach will be banned from coaching at SCRA. Any person can report unsportsmanlike conduct, but it is the responsibility of the head coach to report any such instances to the Sport Director. The Sport Director may assess a one game suspension or longer. Appeals for longer suspensions, or settlements of

disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote of the SCRA Board of Directors.

- 6) Any behavior that endangers the safety of a child, parent, spectator or game official will result in appropriate disciplinary action, following a review by the SCRA Board of Directors.
- 7) Charlotte-Mecklenburg School (CMS) policy is:  
All alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and/or tobacco products are banned on all CMS property.
- 8) Profanity on SCRA field locations in the presence of players is unacceptable, and repeated abuse will be addressed by the sport director.
- 9) Parents who allow their child to play at SCRA, and players and coaches who agree to participate in sports for SCRA accept all of the principles in this document and agree to abide by them.
- 10) This Code of Conduct was developed by the SCRA Board of Directors.
- 11) Remember: We are all representatives of South Charlotte Recreation Association! To meet SCRA eligibility rules, the Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to the Sport Commissioner (through the league coaches) prior to the first regular season game, preferably by the second practice. All players must have a signed Code of Conduct in order to be eligible for "All-Stars" or "Challenge."

**TO THE PLAYERS, PARENTS & COACHES:**

We and our child have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the SCRA Code of Conduct. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sport \_\_\_\_\_ Season \_\_\_\_\_