



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION – SPORTS TEAM**

### **STANDARDS FOR SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

**As we strive towards the most positive experience for the youth of Montgomery County, we are committed to the following standards. All spectators should read the following and sign below to indicate your willingness to abide by them. As parents/guardians of a player, you will be responsible for all guests and family members who attend the game.**

#### **ALL SPECTATORS WILL:**

1. Comply with the philosophy, policies and procedures of Montgomery County Recreation. Respect all participants, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers involved in the program at every game, practice or youth sports event and encourage our children to do the same.
2. Help our children enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever possible, including behaving as a respectful fan, refraining from abusive or inappropriate language and allowing the coach to guide and instruct the players throughout the game.
3. Accept decisions of officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. Refrain from criticizing any of the above verbally or by gesture. Never go onto the court/field while the game is in progress to dispute a call. Allow any questions or rule interpretations to be handled appropriately by the coaches during time-outs/between innings.
4. Physical contact with other spectators, players, officials, or coaches is never allowed.
5. Remember that the game is for youth – *not* adults.
6. Help ensure that each child plays in a safe and healthy environment, leave food and beverages outside the gym, help pick up trash and notify coaches or staff of noticeable playing hazards.
7. Demand a sports environment that is free from tobacco products, drugs and alcohol at all youth sporting events.
8. Encourage and compliment players when they show improvement, play with extra effort, or simply need kind words.
9. Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of players' health, injuries, and ability to play.

**If a spectator is ejected for these or any reason, as dictated by the league rules, he/she may not attend the next two (2) games at a minimum. If a spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, he/she will not be allowed to attend any Montgomery County Recreation sports activities for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident. If such action is taken, the individual must meet with the league director prior to returning to any event. In addition, the head coach present at the game will be suspended for at least one (1) game.**

**\*\*\*Montgomery County Recreation reserves the right to conduct a closed game if spectator behavior becomes a distraction and/or unsafe for all. If this occurs, the only individuals allowed in the gym will be the team players, up to 2 coaches, table staff and game officials.**

**I/We will do our best to make youth sports fun and help teach our players good sportsmanship.  
I have read and understand the above standards.**

**PARENT NAME & SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

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