

Youth Sports Leagues

Purpose, Philosophy, Liability and Background Screening

PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Tulsa Parks youth programs is to provide an opportunity for sportsmanship, socialization, skill improvement and physical fitness. It is also designed to bring area youth closer together through recreational competition and to keep the welfare of the youth first and foremost.

The specific purposes are:

1. To acquaint the participants with the basic fundamentals of the sport while exercising the body and mind through an enjoyable activity.
2. To inspire players with good habits while in fellowship with other players and to encourage and promote respect for officials and coaches.
3. To promote safety-first play.

PHILOSOPHY

It is our desire that all participants enrolled in youth sports have the guaranteed right to fair play in every game regardless of skill level. As a result of this guiding philosophy, rules and regulations governing play, eligibility and sportsmanship have been developed. However, it must be understood that sportsmanship and cooperation within a team are important aspects of the game. **Individuals who display poor sportsmanship or regularly miss practices may be kept from play in regular games.** It is always the duty of the coach to inform the Parks and Recreation Department of adverse conduct or any disciplinary situations.

1. Every participant shall be able to play and have fun.
2. Sportsmanship and gamesmanship will be a requirement of the players, coaches and parents.
3. The program shall be enjoyable for all teams and players. Poor sportsmanship, foul language and injurious play will be disciplined.
4. The department will make every attempt to provide equity of play within the entire program with the hope of allowing all teams an equal opportunity to compete.

Be it understood that by registering for this program, you accept the purpose, direction and philosophy of the program.

LIABILITY

Tulsa Parks program coordinators, league directors, coaches, game officials or any other supervisory personnel are not responsible for injuries to persons or damages to property. We encourage all participants to obtain insurance for player protection. This is entirely the responsibility of the person participating (players, coaches, managers, parents, and spectators), all of which participate at his or her own risk.

BACKGROUND SCREENING

All coaches must submit a completed background screening form, available on our website. Background checks remain confidential and will be valid for 1 year. The guidelines, which will be used for the background check process, involve reviewing the information provided by law enforcement records such as: Charges, arrests, convictions, offenses, and traffic violations. **If there are any 1) outstanding warrants, 2) criminal felony or criminal misdemeanor charges within the last five years, or 3) any charges ever regarding a sexual offense, an applicant will not be eligible to coach in our league.**