Sportsmanship

Coaches Certification
The MPRB has created and implemented a new user friendly certification process for all coaches. It is required that all coaches participate in the process to be eligible to coach in the MPRB Youth Sports Program. Please contact your local recreation center director for details about the certification program.

MPRB Sportsmanship Code For Spectators
The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board is working to ensure that youth participating in our athletic programs have a safe, healthy, and positive environment in which to play and develop their skills. Please adhere to the following Sportsmanship Code while attending MPRB youth athletic events:

- Keep cheering positive
- Respect the opposing team and fans
- Learn and understand the rules of the game
- Respect the judgment of the officials (even if you disagree with them)
- Accept winning or losing with dignity

Examples of Unsportsmanlike Behavior
- Disrespectful and derogatory yells or gestures (such as pointing and chanting)
- Loud negative reaction to officials’ calls
- Distracting players attempting free throws by yelling or stomping your feet
- Swearing
- Coming on the playing field/court at any time
- Chants or yells with inappropriate content (racial, sexual, or gender connotations)
- Degrading yells about a player's body size or shape
- Degrading yells about a player’s lack of skill or ability
- Encouraging players to inflict injury on other players
- Throwing objects onto the field/court
- Arguing with coaches, officials or other fans

If a spectator exhibits behavior that is inappropriate or unsportsmanlike, a staff person will hand the spectator a card that reads:

**We appreciate your attendance at this youth sports event.**

**Our participants need your positive support and encouragement.**

**Abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior towards players, coaches or fans**

Will not be tolerated.

If your behavior continues, we will stop the game until you leave the premises.

If a spectator consistently uses unacceptable behavior, MPRB staff will stop the game until the person leaves the premises. If a spectator refuses to leave the premises, the officials will declare the game to be over.