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## COACHES & PARENTS

The Mobile Parks & Recreation:" Department is making several changes in the way volunteer.' coaches are permitted to participate in the youth sports program. All volunteers must receive a background check to continue working with children. This screening process is necessary to create a safe environment, minimize risks of abuse, and improve sportsmanship.

In· an effort to continue good sportsmanship, all teams are required to have a meeting with all spectators and at least one parent of all players. This meeting must be held before the second scheduled game. All who attend must sign in upon arrival and additional meetings must be held until at least one parent, of all players, has attended. A list of those who attend must be kept by the coach. This meeting must cover the following information:

1. Introduce all coaches and thank them for their participation.
2. Explain practice and game schedules with times to arrive.
3. Discuss transportation and care/cleaning of uniforms.
4. Discuss the mandatory play-rule and how all players must participate in practices and games.
5. Discuss behavior of players and spectators during the practices and games. Players will be suspended for unsportsmanlike conduct if ejected before, during and after games. Fighting will result in permanent suspension.
6. Coaches, Players and Spectators will not be allowed to make negative statements or comments about opposing players or game officials. Only positive comments must be made. Teams must "Win" without gloating and "Lose" without complaining. Guilty persons will be warned, and then ejected from games with possible fines of at least \$100.00 charged to the team. The head coach will be held responsible for the conduct of players and spectators.
7. The officials and game scorekeeper will report unsportsmanlike incidents.
8. The MPRD will enforce a policy of "Zero Tolerance" toward individuals, including coaches, players and spectators, who display

unsportsmanlike conduct. This means that they will most likely be dismissed from the program.

9. Each team must select a "Team Mom or Dad" to assist the coach, reminding parents and spectators about the new behavior rule concerning negative comments, during games.
10. In addition, the MPRD wants to identify the coaches and players who win or lose with good sportsmanship. Congratulates opposing players, coaches, game officials and scorekeeper; also the player who is a good team-mate and the coach who plays, practices, and respects all players and uses no profanity and is a good role model.

New\, this season is a "Complaint Hotline". Email the Youth Sports Coordinator and Athletic Director as soon as events happen at [shinej@cityofmobile.org](mailto:shinej@cityofmobile.org). Examples: The coach uses profanity at practice; fails to practice or play all players; gambles on games; uses alcoholic beverages at the park; shows no respect to players or parents; etc. NOTE: Multiple complaints must be received before any action is taken.

Additional Notes: The date of the first meeting must be turned in during registration. The "Team Mom or Dad" must be listed on the roster "with telephone number. It is the responsibility of the park director or head coach to list- all names of assistant coaches on the team roster. All coaches must be certified and insured \with NYSCA and turn in volunteers forms for background checks. Further information and updates will be added to the league standings\_ available at the scorekeeper's table each Saturday.