

GAITHERSBURG SPORTS

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Gaithersburg Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture's Sports Program is committed to the provision of a variety of activities that encourage and support lifetime skills, personal interest and competition. The foundation of the program is based on the spirit and principles of CHARACTER COUNTS!, family fun and, most importantly, participation. The scope of the program encourages people of all ages to partake in leisure time activities.

All of these programs are operated with the goal of providing a fun-filled and safe experience for every participant. We attempt to develop fundamental skills, teach and expose players to good sportsmanship, fair play and respect for all participants. A very low-key approach to competition is encouraged. **We ask all parents to be supportive of the child's active participation.**

GOALS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

- Give every child a chance to play.
- Do not allow competition to limit the opportunity to learn and have fun.
- Provide an opportunity for adults to exhibit positive role model behavior to our youth.
- Teach our youth cooperation and teamwork as a way to reach their goals.
- Encourage the development of respect for your teammates, opponents and officials and specialists.

Upcoming Summer Camps!

Look for information at gaithersburgmd.gov

"Summer in the City," a detailed brochure of program offerings, will be available in January at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park and online at gaithersburgmd.gov. For additional information please call 301-258-6350.



CODE OF ETHICS

To the Parents/Guardians of our Participants: The City of Gaithersburg welcomes you and your family to our Youth Sports Program. We appreciate your support, for without it, our programs would not exist. The philosophy of the City of Gaithersburg's Youth Sports Program is participation over competition. Competition is not an evil as long as it is emoted with respect. The fun and fulfillment of your child's expectations are our primary objectives. In order to facilitate and participate in our goal of a positive experience, we ask that you keep in mind the following thoughts:

Respect the Facility in Which We are Guests:

- Do not bring food or drink into the gym, except water bottles.
- Do not bounce balls in hallways, against walls, ceilings and bulletin boards.
- Do not touch bulletin boards or displays in the school.
- Do not play on school equipment (i.e., gymnastic equipment, on school stages, etc.).

Respect the Players from Both Teams:

- Cheer for both teams. A good play is a good play.
- Keep cheers positive, not negative.
- Use only nonviolent encouragement.

Respect All Officials, Coaches and Staff:

- It is OK to disagree with an official's call or decision.
- It is NOT OK to berate an official or coach.
- Please temper your emotions with the knowledge that they are doing the best they can.
- Do not show disagreement in such a way as to show disrespect to the officials.
- Be on time to all games and practices.
- Be sure to escort children from parking lots to game and practice locations.

Respect Other Fans as They Cheer for Their Team:

- Everyone wants their team to win. Keep an objective eye on the game.
- Cheer plays made by all players.
- Congratulate players from both teams at the end of the game.

Keep All Other Children Under Close Supervision at Game Sites:

- Do not allow siblings and friends into other parts of buildings.
- Bring things for sibling to do that will not cause a distraction (i.e., drawing, coloring or your smart phone)

Have FUN!

If you do, the kids will follow!



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