

CODE OF ETHICS

The Pleasant Valley Recreational Program's mission is to enable people of all ages to participate with and enjoy playing a sport in a competitive environment. However, the objective is not whether one wins or loses but rather that the athlete learns to respect their opponent, acquires a further knowledge of the game in which they are playing, and does so in a sportsmanlike manner.

These principles also apply to coaches and extend to officials and spectators.

To that end the following Code of Ethics will apply.

1. To emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. To stress the values of being fair.
3. To show respect to opponents, officials and coaches.
4. To encourage leadership, initiative and good judgment by the players.
5. To recognize the purpose of competition is to promote physical, social and emotional well-being of the players.
6. To remember that it doesn't matter who wins or loses but rather the learning, enjoyment and experiences obtained from athletic competition.

Sportsmanship - Guidelines for making Recreational Sports Fun and Enjoyable

1. **The primary goal of any Pleasant Valley Recreation Program is to have all who are participating, enjoy the game.**
2. Playing time should be as equal as humanly possible, keeping in mind that most players express that they would rather play regardless of the outcome of the game, than sit on the bench and win. It is also hard to improve your game if you do not have a chance to practice what you are learning.
3. No Vulgar or Abusive Language of any kind!! This is subject to the Unsportsmanlike Conduct rule stated above.
4. No Unsportsmanlike Conduct of any kind!! It is okay to cheer for your team. The key is to be positive when dealing with your own team as well as opposing teams.
5. All spectators should be respectful of both teams and maintain a proper decorum during the games. Roaming the halls of the schools is not permitted. We ask that anyone not playing in the game, to refrain from running around in the gym during the games, which includes breaks.
6. Each player is to be respectful of their opponent and the referees.

It is the Coaches' responsibility to abide by and enforce these rules.
I have read, understand and agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

Date _____