

Sports: Youth & Adult Policies & Standards

St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks offers a variety of youth and adult programs adhering to Community Standards for all.



Code of Conduct

Recreation & Parks is committed to providing positive and safe environments for all of our participants. At each of our facilities, we ask that parents and coaches remember to conduct themselves in a positive, supportive and respectful manner. With everyone's support, everyone will enjoy everything that Recreation & Parks has to offer!

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in recreation programs by following this code of ethics.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all recreation program participants, instructors and Recreation & Parks staff at every program or event held at St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to excel.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for instructors and Recreation & Parks staff working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free recreational environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all Recreation & Parks programs and events.
- I will remember that the youth programs are for children and not for adults. I will remember that the adult programs are for adults and not for children.
- I will do my very best to make attendance at recreation programs a fun and enriching experience for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other participants, instructors, spectators and Recreation & Parks staff with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will always address any issues with my child's instructor in private or present the concern to the Recreation & Parks staff in a respectful manner. I will refrain from abusive or threatening language. My failure to do so could result in my inability to enter St. Mary's County Recreation facilities or sponsored events.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the recreational experience within my personal constraints by assisting with instructing, being a respectful spectator, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

Forms & Policy

Volunteer Coach Request

Required for all volunteers and coaches interested in participating in youth sports programs. Once this accepted, you will be instructed to complete a background check screening.

Background Check Portal

All volunteer coaches must complete an annual background check screening. A list of disqualifying offenses are posted for review prior to submission.

Volunteer Coach Manual

To be reviewed and acknowledged by all coaches and league leaders.

Concussion Awareness

To be reviewed and acknowledged by all coaches and league leaders.

Physical & Verbal Abuse

To be reviewed and acknowledged by all coaches and league leaders.

Certified Coaches List

Online database providing currently approved volunteer coaches.