

Philosophy

The City of Diamond Bar's Department of Community and Development Services would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to our youth sports programs. We are pleased to offer a variety of youth sports programs to support the interests of the community. Our sports leagues are designed to teach and enhance each child's skills and knowledge, with an emphasis on fun, fundamentals, and game situations in a recreational atmosphere. League standings are not kept.

Goals

Our program goals are to build self-esteem and develop the basic fundamentals of the sport in a safe and positive environment. Using the model of **T.E.A.M. Work—Together Everyone Achieves More**, your child will have the opportunity to make friends, develop sportsmanship, learn how to compete and cooperate, cultivate leadership skills, be physically fit, and develop a positive self-concept in an enjoyable recreation environment.

Parent Orientations/Code of Ethics

The City of Diamond Bar has implemented a league orientation for parents in our youth sports programs. New and returning parents attend a meeting at the beginning of each season. At the meeting, parents learn more about the upcoming sports season. Parents also learn about sideline demeanor, and acknowledge receipt of the parent's code of ethics, a copy of which is listed to the right.

Skills Testing

At the beginning of each league, the children will participate in skills day. At skills day, the children participate in a variety of basic drills that are common to that sport. The results of the skills testing is utilized by staff and coaches to distribute the talent evenly in the league. Every child is placed on a team regardless of their ability.

Wait List Procedures

When registration is full, a wait list is generated. An individual will only be added to a team when another player has officially dropped from a team within the same age division or new teams are added. When a person is called from the wait list, it is required that a return call be made within 24 hours so that the child's place on the wait list is not forfeited.

Coaches Wanted

Volunteer coaches are essential in running a successful program. If you are interested in volunteering to be a coach in our youth soccer, basketball, or baseball programs please contact the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Parent's Code Of Ethics / Sideline Demeanor

Your child is participating in a youth sports program in the City of Diamond Bar. We are a community whose goals are to promote the self-esteem of all players just for participating, regardless of individual athletic ability or the final score of any athletic contest. Your role as a spectator has a significant impact upon the success of our program. Therefore, we need you to fully understand and completely accept the standards of behavior, which are detailed below.



- ◆ I pledge to demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials, parents, and staff members at all games and practices.
- ◆ I pledge to never make negative comments about the game officials, coaches, or players because I understand that negative comments are destructive and will only result in damaging a child's motivation and ruining their athletic experience.
- ◆ I pledge to encourage my child and all players by using only words of praise and to refrain from yelling out instructions, as this will only confuse players as they look for direction from their coach.
- ◆ I will be a positive role model and set an example of good sportsmanship for the youth of this community by treating all players, coaches, officials, fans, and staff members with courtesy and respect.
- ◆ I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child and all other children ahead of my personal desire to win.
- ◆ I understand that children play sports to have fun, make friends, and to learn new skills, therefore I will praise effort as well as execution in order to keep sports in the proper perspective.
- ◆ I will support the game officials at all times, even if I do not agree with a call, because their presence is to make the game safe, fun, and fair for the children who are playing.
- ◆ I will remember that the game I am attending is for the players and not for me or any other spectator.
- ◆ I will support a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all games and events in the City of Diamond Bar.
- ◆ I understand that any and all my actions are subject to review by the administrators of this sports league.

I fully understand and completely accept the standards of behavior outlined previously. My initials by each standard and signature below will serve as my public acknowledgment of my unconditional agreement with each standard contained in the Parent's Code of Ethics. I realize that if at any time my behavior becomes non-compliant with any of the standards contained in the Parent's Code of Ethics, I may be asked to immediately terminate both my participation and my child's participation in the youth sports program in the City of Diamond Bar.

This is a copy of the form parents are asked to sign prior to their child's participation in league play.

Team Sportsmanship Award: A Winning Attitude!

The City of Diamond Bar is proud to encourage good sportsmanship, throughout our leagues. In the game, on the sidelines, or in the stands, good sportsmanship is a top priority. The City of Diamond Bar believes in instilling our young people with a positive attitude towards officials, coaches, teammates, parents, and other players. Along with good sportsmanship, leagues are designed to enhance each participant's fundamental skills, confidence, and high moral standards. Please keep in mind that the children in our leagues will model the behavior they see from parents, coaches, and participants. That is why we feel it is important to include all levels of participation in this effort.

In order to promote good sportsmanship, at the end of each game, a league official will assign each team a score in three sections: the coaches, players, and the fans. Each area can receive a maximum of (5) points per section for a total of (15) possible team points, per game. A running score will be kept throughout the season and the team with the most points, from *each* age division, will receive a FREE TEAM PIZZA PARTY at Round Table Pizza in Diamond Bar, and also recognized on the City's website at www.cityofdiamondbar.com. Teams with the most points will then receive sportsmanship certificates at a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to be recognized before the commissioners, for this outstanding achievement.



- Program Mission Statement -

The Community Services Department seeks to teach and enhance each child's skills and knowledge with an emphasis on fun and fundamentals in a safe and positive environment.

Important Dates To Remember

Youth Basketball

Sign ups begin mid-October, Regular season mid-December

Youth Soccer

Sign ups begin in March, regular season begins in April

Youth Baseball

Sign ups begin mid-April, regular season mid-June

Arbor Day

March/April

City Birthday Party

April

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday before Easter

4th of July Blast

Concerts in the Park & Movies Under The Stars

Wednesday nights during the summer

Haunted House and Fall Fun Festival

October

Sunday at the Center - Art show & sale

November

Winter Snow Fest

Candy Cane Craft Fair

December

Weather Hotline: 909.612.4636 x1714



For more information regarding this handbook or the Youth Sports program, please contact the Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.



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