

**Strafford Recreational Sports Players/Parents Code of Conduct/ 2006 Track Edition**  
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**Zero Tolerance:**

People who display unsportsmanlike, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the field/court by the officials, SRS Board members (if present), or one of the coaches. First offense will be a warning issued by an official. Second offense will begin a 5-minute clock. The offending individual has 5 minutes to leave the practice/event area. Failure to do so will result in a team forfeit. If the offending individual is a player/coach/parent/relative, they will be suspended from the next practice/event. If necessary, local authorities will be called to remove unruly individuals. This expulsion ruling includes: players, coaches, parents, spectators, and officials.

**Players/Athletes:**

- Play for fun!
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and meets. Notify your coach if you are not able to attend.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.
- Never argue with an official's decision.

**Player signature to be on file with SRS every year.**

**Parents/Guardians:**

- Do not force your child to participate in sports. Support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun!
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember that children learn best by example so applaud the good play of all participants.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. Show a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants.
- Emphasize skill development, practices, and how they benefit your young athlete.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the field. Any criticism of the officials only hurt the meet/game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game/meet. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice. It is destructive. Work at removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and officials. Communicate with them and support them. They are important to the development of your child and the sport.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the sport – and volunteer. All youth programs need your support.

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**Player Signature**

**Date**

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**Parent Signature**

**Date**