

- **ORDINANCE NO. 5-15 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF KINNELON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND ALL BOROUGH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey adopted N.J.DSS.A 5:17-1 et seq., finding that interscholastic and youth athletic programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children; that it is essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship; and that adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Kinnelon agrees that it is essential that all coaches, parents, participants and attendees, who are participating in or watching athletic programs, events or activities of the Recreation Department of the Borough of Kinnelon, or who are playing or watching any athletic program, event or activity upon any public property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Borough of Kinnelon, shall conduct themselves with fairness, respect, and self control at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Kinnelon has resolved that each coach, parent, participant, and attendee to any Kinnelon Recreation program or event shall govern himself or herself in accordance with the following Code of Conduct;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Kinnelon, as follows:

A. All coaches, officials, parents, participants, players, spectators and attendees who participate in or watch athletic programs, events or other activities of the Recreation Department of the Borough of Kinnelon, or who are playing or watching any athletic program, event or activity upon any public property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Borough of Kinnelon, shall be responsible for his or her own words and actions, and each such person shall conform his or her behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

1. Each person shall not engage in or encourage others to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. Each person shall not engage in or encourage others to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. Each person shall not use, or encourage or permit another to use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sporting event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sporting event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. Each person shall not engage in the use of, or encourage others to use profanity under any circumstances.

5. Each person shall treat, and encourage others to treat, any coach, parent, player, participant, official and/or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
6. Each person shall not engage in, or encourage others to engage in, bullying, verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official and/or any other attendee.
7. Each person shall not initiate, or encourage another to initiate, a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official and/or any other attendee.
8. Each person shall demonstrate fairness, respect and self-control at all times, and encourage others to do the same.
9. Each person shall refrain from posting, or encouraging others to post, offer or publish disparaging, threatening, or similar phrases, including those types of phrases or language listed above, on any social medium, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Topix, YouTube, Instagram and/ or similar media.
10. No person shall bring, or encourage others to bring, to any Kinnelon Recreation activity weapons of any sort, including but not limited to knives, firearms, Tasers, or other items that could be used to cause bodily harm or for intimidation. Sporting equipment, used by a sport participant at the sporting event being attended, shall be allowed.
11. No person shall bring, or encourage others to bring, to any Kinnelon Recreation activity any light emitting device, such as a "laser pointer," or similar device which could interfere with the Recreation event then underway, or endanger the participants in said activity.

B. Each person shall agree that if he or she fails to conform his/her conduct to the foregoing while or after attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sporting or other Kinnelon Recreation event he or she will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by the Recreation Director, the Kinnelon Borough Council-Recreation Commission liaison, or a member of the Kinnelon Recreation Commission.
2. Written warning issued by the Recreation Director or the Kinnelon Recreation Commission.
3. Immediate ejection from any youth sporting event, at which the offense occurs, issued by the Recreation Director, a Kinnelon Elected Official, Recreation Commission member, or Law Enforcement.
4. Suspension from one or multiple youth sporting events issued by the Recreation Director or the Recreation Commission.
5. Season suspension or multiple-season suspension issued by the Recreation Director or the Recreation Commission.
6. Violation of any provision of this Code may also result in the violator's ability to use any fields owned or leased by the Borough of Kinnelon.

C. This Code of Conduct may be enforced by the Recreation Director, (a) Recreation Commission member(s), any Kinnelon elected official, and/or law enforcement present at the event where the violation takes place.

D. Any person found to have violated any provision of this Code of Conduct has to the right to appeal that finding to the Recreation Director and, in turn, to the Recreation Commission.

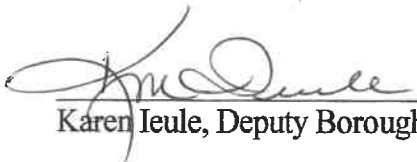
SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or federal or state agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions, and regulations inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF KINNELON


Karen Ieule, Deputy Borough Clerk


Robert Collins, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Ieule, Deputy Borough Clerk of the Borough of Kinnelon, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance introduced, read by title and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough held on April 16, 2014 and adopted by the Governing Body at a regular meeting of the Borough held on May 21, 2014.


Karen Ieule, Deputy Borough Clerk