

1. Respectful Fair Play in all Park Board Facilities

MOVER: Commissioner Barnes

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when healthy play reflects these "six pillars of character";
2. It is imperative to remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults;
3. Bullying of all kinds has become a very disturbing and daily occurrence in many of our children's lives;
4. Guests and parents should be a positive role model for their child and for all players regardless of their level of play;
5. Parents and guests have the great opportunity to encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support to coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event at all Park Board facilities;
6. Any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures will be frowned upon and may result in having to perform either 100 pushups or donate to a team of your choice healthy snacks such as the famed bag of cut up oranges for the balance of the season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff investigate all our existing policies and practices as well as look at other municipalities to find new ways of educating and ensuring that all Vancouver Park Board facilities are a safe and encouraging environment for children and youth of all abilities, ages and backgrounds and that all our children that wish to be involved in sport are motivated and supported to do so.