

LAKE CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT



**WE CREATE COMMUNITY
THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS &
PROGRAMS.**

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League Administrators

League administrators are the Recreation Director, Assistant Director, Dixie Youth District and State Directors. All matters concerning player's eligibility and playing rules must be directed to the local league administrators before they can be directed to district and state directors. A list of the directors is written in the handbooks for each youth sport. The League Administrators has the right to suspend or expel any player, coach, volunteer, parent or fan from the Lake City Recreation Department Programs.

Volunteers

Volunteers for the Lake City Recreation Department work extremely hard by volunteering their services year round as coaches for football, basketball, baseball and softball. Each volunteer dedicates approximately (12) hours or more per week to the recreation department. Some may volunteer as coaches, team mothers, cheerleader advisors and concession workers. All volunteers are very important to the daily operations of the Lake City Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department. Our volunteers play a vital role in the success of the programs. All coaches must also complete the National Youth Sports Coaches Training Program and sign the NYSCA Code of Ethics.

Coaches

All coaches in the recreation athletic programs are volunteers. All coaches must attend a coach's certification class. Classes will be held at the Lake City Recreation Department and conducted by the Recreation Director or the Assistant. All coaches must complete an application and must agree to a complete background check. All coaches must sign the NYSCA Code of Ethics. All coaches are required to dress in the appropriate attire at all times. Any coach or assistant coach who reports to practice or a game under the influence of, or in possession of alcohol or any illegal drugs will be disqualified from any association with our youth programs. Any coach or assistant coach using profanity at any practice or game will be suspended. Any coach or assistant coach who is ejected from a ball game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for (1) game. The second offense (2) consecutive games and the third offense suspended for the remainder of the season. Any coach who removes his team from the playing field and refuses to continue to play before the completion of the game will be suspended for the remainder of the season. All coaches are asked to report any injury of a player to the recreation department. Coaches are not allowed to smoke or chew tobacco products while participating in the youth athletic programs. No coach will be allowed to smoke inside the dug outs or behind the dug outs. Any coach found guilty of stealing, abusive language, destruction of league equipment or property, fighting, harassment of fellow coaches or team members, drugs or alcohol, firearms or other weapons, disruptive behavior, threatening and vandalism will be suspended or expelled from the league. Any coach guilty of disruptive behavior and unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible to coach all stars. The decision will be made at the discretion of the league

administrators. If a coach feels that a child is being abused, he or she obligated to report it to the proper authorities.

Participants

All participants must be between the ages of 4-17 for youth sports. All participants must pay a registration fee to the recreation department. All participants who register in a program are to be placed on a team and play as much as possible in every game. There are minimum participation rules in all athletic programs sponsored by the recreation department. Some of these requirements are set by our local department, our district and state. The official rule book for each sport will govern all play along with the South Carolina Athletic Programs Manual. Players are asked to exemplify good sportsmanship at all times. Players must refrain from the use of profanity at all times. All players must attend practices in order to play in the games. Playing time may vary due to disciplinary reasons. Players must wear appropriate practice and game attire. Any player found guilty of stealing, abusive language, destruction of league equipment or property, fighting, harassment of coaches or team members, drugs or alcohol, firearms or other weapons, disruptive behavior, threatening and vandalism will be suspended or expelled from the league. Any player guilty of disruptive unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible for all stars.

Participant Selection

Head coaches and sponsors children may be placed on the team the parent coaches or sponsors, if so desired. They will be placed before the draft and considered as returning players. There will be no loss of selection for a maximum of (2) two players. Siblings will be placed on the same team. Returning players will remain on the same team as the previous season. No player may skip a league to advance to another league. The coaches will pick the players in reverse order of league standings from the previous season. Teams will continue to pick until they reach their maximum number in each league. All participants must play in the proper age division.

Parents Responsibilities

Parents should consider and carefully choose the proper sports environment for their child. Parents should encourage a drug, tobacco and alcohol free environment for their children. Parents must make a serious effort to take an active role in the youth sports experience of their child providing positive support as a spectator, coach, league volunteer and/or caring parent. Parents must be positive role models, exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at all games and practices. Parents are required to pay participation fees to the recreation department. All registration forms must be completed by parents before the child can participate in any activities sponsored by the Lake City Recreation Department. Parents are responsible for bringing their child/children to practices and games. Parents must pick up their children within a ten minutes time limit after all games and practices. Parents should not remove his/her child from the playing field before the completion of the game unless the action is approved by the league administrator. Any child removed from the playing field without a

justifiable reason will be suspended. Parents are required to sign a parent's code of ethics before their child can participate. Parents are responsible for the return of any uniform or equipment owned by the City of Lake City. Parents will not enter the playing area or practice area at any time unless this action is authorized by a league official. Parents must refrain from any disruptive behavior or conduct at all times. This type of behavior by parents and fans will not be tolerated. Action will be taken by the Lake City Recreation Department, Lake City Police Department and the City of Lake City. Remember, we must keep our children safe. The City of Lake City and the Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend, ban or dismiss any parents or fan from the premises at any time we deem their behavior is undesirable.

Officials

Umpires and referees are recruited and hired by the league officials. All officials must be at least 16 years of age. Officials are in charge of assuring that each game is played according to the rules. Most of their job requires quick judgment. Officials are required to keep order throughout the games. Officials should avoid confrontations with coaches, players and fans at all times. Officials must be certified in the sport in which he will be asked to officiate. Officials must wear proper uniforms to all games. Game officials are in complete control of the game. They will also decide on forfeiture of games. The league administrators will make decisions on player's eligibility.

The Lake City Recreation Department reserves the right to dismiss any participants from the programs for any of the above reasons we deem necessary.

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