



# KENT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

— YOUTH SPORTS PHILOSOPHY

Kent County Parks and Recreation emphasizes a sports philosophy that fosters the development of physical, social, and emotional skills in a positive and supportive environment. We have provided an explanation of our philosophy of youth sports so you can better understand our goals and help us to achieve them.

## **Participation and Fun:**

- Encouraging active participants, enjoyment, and a love for the game over competition and winning.

## **Development:**

- Physical development by helping participants improve their athletic abilities through practice and coaching.
- Social development by learning how to be a part of a team and display appropriate sportsmanship.
- Psychological development by learning to control their emotions and developing self-worth.

## **Teamwork and Sportsmanship:**

- Promoting cooperation, fair play, and respect for all participants, coaches, and officials.

## **Inclusive Opportunities:**

- Ensuring all individuals, regardless of skill level, have the opportunity to play and grow.

It is the goal of Kent County Parks and Recreation to encourage all participants, coaches and parents to:

- Work hard at their sport.
- Demonstrate what it means to play fair.
- Win or lose with grace and dignity.
- Give something back to their communities.

All safety precautions will be observed to ensure the well-being of all participants. Kent County Parks and Recreation seeks to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship and full participation.

