

Sampson County Team Rules and Expectations

1. **Practices/Games:** Players are expected to attend all practices and games. If you cannot attend, please let the coaching staff know as soon as possible. (Playing time may vary by attendance)
2. **Respect your opponent:** Good sportsmanship starts with respecting your opponents. Remember: without opponents, there would be no game at all! Players should always shake hands after each game and always respectful of their opponents.
3. **Respect your coach:** Parents and players should respect coaches. Please refrain from yelling questions or comments to your coaches and instead please speak to them calmly and at the appropriate times.
4. **Respect your teammates:** Regardless of their skill level, you cannot play the game without them.
5. **Respect the officials:** Remember they are human, and they are doing their best to make youth sports fair and fun. Coaches, parents, and players shall refrain from yelling at officials, please teach our children how to overcome miscalls that do not include yelling or arguing with the officials.
6. **Be a team player:** The game is not about how good you look or how much you score. A true team player knows how to put the team first and make sacrifices for their teammates.
7. **Safety, Sportsmanship, and Skill Building:** The priority for our team will be safety, sportsmanship, and skill-building. All coaches, parents, and players will prioritize this over winning.
8. **Have Fun:** Even with the hard work of practice, having fun and loving the game is a key to long term success.
9. **Parents/Spectators:** Should allow the coaches to coach the kids and refrain from “sideline coaching” it can be very confusing for children if multiple people are yelling instructions. Spectators are encouraged to cheer for both teams and ensure all the kids are having fun. No derogatory comments or foul language will be tolerated. Parents will be responsible for informing any guest of the team rules.
10. **Background Checks:** No one without a background check shall help in any capacity, enter a practice, or game area. If there are no boundaries spectators shall stay twenty yards away from all team activities. Please get the coaches or staff members attention if you need to speak to your child or a coach.

Any Violation of the Team Rules/Expectations will result in removal from the facility and a suspension.