

AVON LAKE YOUTH SPORTS PHILOSOPHY

Avon Lake Parks and Recreation's mission is to develop youth athletes by instilling a sense of teamwork, leadership, and confidence when participating in sports. We are committed to building programs that emphasize participation, fun, sportsmanship, and provide a positive experience for all athletes. Our sports programs are based off of the core values listed below:

DEVELOPMENT: We strive to provide structured coach trainings and practice plans for every grade level in our programs. These practice plans and skills taught will ensure that each child's experience is consistent and aid in their sport development. We will provide kids a platform to learn the skill sets necessary to gain confidence in their sport and life.

LIFELONG ENJOYMENT: We strive to develop kids who want to remain active in their free time, not just when they're engaged at practice. Kids who are active in sports get their daily amount of exercise that will help build their cardiovascular and muscular strength. We want to encourage kids to make healthy habits that last a lifetime.

RESPECT: Sport environments are a great place to grow and establish respect. While involved in sports children will learn the importance of respecting their teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials. As athletes players will learn the importance of team success, learn how to take advice/criticism of those who coach, learn how to win modestly and lose graciously, and respecting the calls of an official.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: Youth sports programs are created to promote participation and enjoyment of the game. All players will have the opportunity for equal playing time throughout the season regardless of their background. There is an emphasis on the creation of balanced teams. All players will attend an evaluation day to be scored prior to team placement. Balanced teams create a positive experience due to the equal abilities of play promoting competitive games. This will encourage all players participating and lead to greater enjoyment during the season.