

Colchester Parks & Recreation Sport League Endorsement Policy

(Approved on the November 4, 2013 by Parks and Recreation Commission)

Mission:

To encourage and promote youth development and adult recreation as the primary goals of community sports programs, and to facilitate the responsible use of fields and facilities.

Eligibility*:

- Non-profit organization
- For youth leagues, at least 75% of league participants must be Colchester residents.
- For adult leagues, at least 50% of league participants must be Colchester residents or taxpayers, or employed in Colchester.
- Established policies that promote proper youth development as primary goal of league. (youth sports only)

* Endorsed eligibility and requirements are over and above standard field use policies.

Requirements:

- Submission of league regular meeting agendas and minutes to the Parks & Recreation Commission through the Department.
- Initial NYSCA certification of all coaches. (youth sports only)
- Background checks of all coaches, and volunteers who have direct contact with children. (youth sports only)

Benefits:

- Free use of fields.
- Primary access to scheduling, where applicable.

Procedure for Endorsement:

- Initial application to Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC).
- Re-approval every 3 years, or sooner if change in league leadership.
- PRC member may serve as liaison to endorsed league.