

RESOLUTION 2007 – 19

WHEREAS, total buy-in at all levels is necessary to change the culture in youth sports. To ensure that the entire community operates consistently with regard to children's sports, it is necessary for the City of Mason to adopt a resolution; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mason recognizes the need to inspire changes in youth sports to make the experience safe, positive and fun for everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, We believe in the benefits and attraction of youth sports as a means to teach the children of our community values and skills that will be of benefit to them throughout life; and

WHEREAS, We believe in order to realize the true value of youth sports participation and to provide a safe, positive and fun environment for youth and their families to participate, we must raise the standards among the users of our community's youth sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mason, Parks & Recreation Department, Youth Sports Policy Manual outlines a comprehensive community strategy, including a coaches' Code of Conduct to assist us in meeting these objectives; and

WHEREAS, We believe that league organizers and administrators must be educated on how to provide a safe, positive and fun youth sports environment before being granted permits to use City of Mason park facilities; and

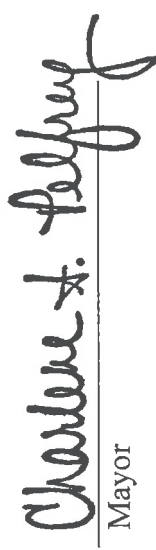
WHEREAS, We believe volunteer coaches must receive orientation and education as to their individual roles and responsibilities in our community's effort to raise the standards of youth sports programs and that volunteer coaches become NYSCA certified and held accountable for their behaviors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to establish requirements and procedures for youth sports organizations utilizing City of Mason park facilities; and

WHEREAS, We believe young children must be given the opportunity to develop motor skills and sports specific knowledge with their parents in a structured program before they enter organized sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, recognize and encourage official implementation of this Resolution to improve the culture of youth sports for all participants.

Passed this 22nd day of October, 2007


Mayor