

Youth sports to follow conduct code

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All of Brownfield's recognized youth sports programs will now require stricter behavioral guidelines, following a city decision this week.

The Department of Parks and Recreation's Board of Directors agreed Wednesday afternoon to require directors of Little Dribblers, Pop Warner youth football, the Terry County Girls Softball Association and all other youth sports leagues affiliated with the city to adopt written codes of conduct and then follow them throughout their seasons.

The parks and rec board was inspired by Brownfield Independent School District's Athletic Code of Conduct, which the school board approved a few months ago at the recommendation of Athletic Director Bryan Welps. Comparable to BISD's Student Code of Conduct, the ACC outlines rules the Cubs must follow both on and off the field and lists discipline procedures for violating them, from a strong warning up through expulsion.

"I think the (BISD) Code of Conduct is great, and we need to put it in line with our youth leagues," said Shane Hord, who serves on both the boards of the school district and the parks and rec department.

Director of Parks and Recreation Scott Jackson said he will provide examples of the ACC to all the youth athletic leagues to help them establish their own codes of conduct. Leaders of those leagues will then submit their codes of conduct to the parks and rec board for final approval.



The board also listened to an update about the South Plains Ironman football program, formerly known as Youth Football League. As the *Brownfield News* reported last summer, the Pop Warner league took YFL's spot as the city's predominantly-recognized youth football program, but YFL/Ironman coaches still planned to continue their season even if it meant utilizing second-choice fields for practice and traveling out of town for all games.

Ironman commissioner Billy Wilborn told the parks and rec board that his league had eight teams and 250 participants this year among a half-dozen South Plains towns, and held an advantage for players who would not qualify for Pop Warner because of that program's weight limits. Ironman leaders and coaches plan to keep playing in future seasons, he said.

"We're expecting next year to be even bigger and better than this year," he said. "...I think it's a great opportunity for Brownfield."

Jackson addressed recent complaints from parents who found it unfair that Seagraves' and Trinity Christian's Ironman teams had played a game in Brownfield Oct.

13, while Brownfield's team had to travel to Tahoka for all matches. Coaches from those other two teams had requested to play in Brownfield rather than Tahoka to minimize their driving time, and Jackson said he had not anticipated any concerns with permitting them temporary

South Plains Ironman commissioner Billy Wilborn (photo at right) tells Brownfield's parks and recreation board about his youth football program. Young athletes with Pop Warner football (photo at left) and all other youth sports will soon have to follow behavioral guidelines inspired by Brownfield Independent School District's Athletic Code of Conduct.

use of the Cubs' north field. "It was a courtesy that we extended to those two teams to meet halfway," he said. "...I didn't think it was going to be an issue when I granted the request."



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Wine tasting - The community is invited to a wine-tasting event the evening of Nov. 17 at the fellowship hall of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. To purchase tickets or for more information call 637-2564.

Tennis - Casual adult tennis matches are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the high school tennis courts. Anyone is welcome. For more information, call Scott Jackson at 637-4547.

Storytime - Kendrick Memorial Library holds Storytime from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays for preschool children ages 2-3. Register at the library, 304 W. Tate St., or call 637-3848.

Donations sought - The Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield is seeking donations of old or new Christmas lights. Take them to 802 E. Cardwell St., or call 893-2842.

Readers - The *Brownfield News* will try to publish information about upcoming nonprofit events that are open to the community. Call Josie with news tips at 637-4535 or email josie@brownfieldonline.

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