

Guidelines for Unacceptable Behavior

You ARE responsible for your own actions!

Sometimes, the competitive nature in people gets the best of them. Be reminded of these consequences each time a competitive arena is entered.

ANY NEGATIVE CHEERING/YELLING MAY RESULT IN A WARNING AND/OR REMOVAL FROM THE SITE.

Using this Sportsmanship Code as a guide, the Parks and Recreation staff, Leadership and Game Officials are empowered with the authority to make the determination if a behavior is questionable or unacceptable.

The following describes **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR**:

1. Verbal threats and physical altercations.
2. Touching or striking a Coach, Player, Parent, Official, Program staff, Volunteer or Spectator. Physical altercations by anyone is considered misconduct.
3. Laughing, name-calling, yelling, waving arms or acting in an otherwise distracting manner during opponent's free-throw attempt, serve, at-bat, start, etc.
4. Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
5. Booing or heckling an official's decision.
6. Criticizing officials in any way or displays of temper in response to an official's call.
7. Yelling intended to antagonize opponents.
8. Refusing to shake hands before or after an athletic contest.
9. Blaming loss of game on officials, coaches or participants.
10. Cursing, use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
11. Pulling team off the field/court as a means to stop the game.
12. Use of artificial noisemakers within hearing range of an athletic contest.
13. Property damage.

Minimum Penalties for Unacceptable Behavior

1. Language unbecoming to the sports program or association including but not limited to: Threats, Profanity, Cursing, etc. (**Suspension: 1 game**)
2. Touching or striking a Coach, Player, Parent, Official, Program staff, Volunteer or Spectator (**Suspension: Winter Season**).
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct or other unacceptable behavior at an athletic event/program (**Suspension: 1 game**).
4. Damage to park or school property (**Suspension: indefinite**).
5. In the event of an incident which requires investigation, further Suspension may be imposed for the duration of the investigation process.
6. The governing program leadership may choose to further impose a Probationary Period after an incident has occurred.
7. Repeated offense (**Suspension for Winter Season**).

NOTE:

- Anyone ejected or removed from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended immediately from the current and next game and must leave the park immediately.
- Anyone ejected will be suspended from remaining games of the day and not allowed to return until suspension has been served.
- The City reserves the right to immediately remove persons from a Parks & Recreation program or facility who violate the above unacceptable behavior, or who otherwise unacceptably disrupt the program or facility. The City may, at its discretion, also use the following tools to place persons on notice of unacceptable conduct, and enforce this policy: (1) verbal warning; (2) written warning within 5 days; (3) loss of facility privileges. The Site Supervisor will have authority to use this policy at their Parks & Recreation site. User has the right to appeal; a written appeal must be submitted to the Director of Parks & Recreation within 14 days of the notice.