



Sandy City Parks and Recreation Sportsmanship Rules

1. SPORTSMANSHIP

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO GOOD OLD SPORTSMANSHIP? Pressure packed games and desire to win have produced a style of behavior which ignores good sportsmanship and prevents the game from being played in a safe and courteous atmosphere. In fact, games can become a dangerous situation to the players, coach, and officials in just seconds with an abusive word, gesture, or taunting. We simply cannot tolerate this kind of behavior from anyone. It is imperative the rules of the game be followed, respect be given to the officials, and good sportsmanship is encouraged by everyone involved directly or indirectly in our Parks & Recreation Programs.

2. PLAYER, COACH AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

A. No one will **threaten, incite, or try to incite, provoke, insult, abuse, trash talk or taunt by word gestures or signs any opponents, spectators, coaches, officials/referees/ umpires, or staff before, during and after the game.** No one will use the "F" word, or other profane and abusive language. No vandalism of playing equipment or facilities will be tolerated.

Minimum Penalty: Warning from the official or staff.

Maximum Penalty: Immediate ejection from the game and playing facility, **Suspension** from the next scheduled & played game. (If second occurrence should happen during the season the penalty will be suspension for the remainder of the season).

B. No one shall at any time **lay a hand upon, shove, strike or physically attack** in any manner the coach(s), staff, scorekeepers, officials, spectators, or any player **before, during or after a game.**

Minimum Penalty: Immediate ejection and/or suspension from the next scheduled game.

Maximum Penalty: **One year suspension from all Sandy City recreational programs and/or legal charges filed.**

C. No one shall discuss in a confrontational manner about any decision reached by an official or staff. Only the person designated prior to the game (usually the coach, team manager or captain) may discuss the matter with the official or staff.

Minimum Penalty: Warning from an official or staff.

Maximum Penalty: Ejection from the present game and suspension from the next scheduled & played game.

D. Use of alcohol in the immediate vicinity of the designated playing facility is prohibited.

Minimum Penalty: Warning from the official or staff.

Maximum Penalty: Ejection from the park or recreation area and/or legal charges filed.

3. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner which promotes the respect of the participants and the general public.
- B. We encourage only the players and coaches who are directly involved with the game be in the team dugouts and team bench area.
- C. The coach is responsible for the actions of the team, team parents and spectators, before, during and after the game. It is the coach's responsibility to quiet abusive or taunting parents or spectators **before** the officials/staff take action. Remember that one over excited parent or spectator could result in a forfeited game.
- D. The coaches should leave with the team. We do not expect coaches to be babysitters. However, the presence of the coach and parents after a game often prevents altercations and dangerous situations from developing. Remember...the coach is the leader and the example.

4. PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Spectators must recognize the important role they have in any sport/game situation. Emotions are high and the wrong word or action directed at officials, staff, coaches, team members or other spectators has resulted in unpleasant and/or dangerous circumstances.

5. CLARIFICATIONS

- A. Penalties - Minimum vs. Maximum- A minimum penalty **does not always have to precede a maximum penalty.**
- B. Ejection - A **second ejection** will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season.

C. ANYONE EJECTED FROM THE GAME MUST LEAVE THE PARK / FACILITY IMMEDIATELY AND MAY NOT RETURN THAT DATE. However, if a person is ejected during a tournament, the violator will be allowed to return to the facility **after the suspension** has been fulfilled. Failure to do so will carry a penalty of suspension for the season and/or game forfeiture. If the team comes up short of regulation players because of the ejection of a player the game will be a forfeit.

Any ejection will result in suspension from the next scheduled and played game. The violator may not attend or be present in any manner at a game which he/she has been suspended.

D. Continuous ejections and suspensions may result in suspension from Sandy Parks and Recreation programs for life.

6. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE OFFICIALS ARE FINAL!** HOWEVER, ANY PLAYER, COACH, OR SPECTATOR EJECTED, SUSPENDED OR GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MAY TAKE HIS OR HER CASE TO THE SANDY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR A FULL REVIEW. PROCEDURES FOR THE APPEAL REGARDING SUSPENSIONS OR EJECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RECREATION SITE COORDINATOR-These staff members are there and are accessible immediately.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR-This staff member is in charge of the program and may be located at the Sandy City Parks and Recreation Offices.

RECREATION MANAGER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR.

SANDY CITY PARKS & RECREATION wants to promote good sportsmanship and fair play for **All** players, coaches, spectators, staff, officials, or any others involved in our programs. Therefore, these "Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Rules" are not disputable. We will follow these rules and penalties to the fullest.