



Athletics Code of Conduct

The City of Englewood provides a positive, welcoming, and safe experience for everyone who participates in athletic activities in our parks or recreation centers. Individuals are expected to respect one another and behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The City is dedicated to maintaining an environment for all participants, coaches, spectators, and officials that is free from intimidation, threats, or violent acts.

Any person acting inappropriately or disrespectfully may be subject to disciplinary action based on the circumstances of the specific incident or occurrence. Such action may range from a verbal warning, to immediate dismissal, to revocation of the right to use the facility or participate in athletic activities for a specified time period. Any designated official or City employee is authorized to enforce this Code of Conduct or to ask for the assistance of the Police if necessary to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all.

The following list contains examples, but is not an exhaustive list, of inappropriate conduct:

- Use of profane or obscene language, including racial, ethnic or other epithets
- Physical or verbal intimidation or threats
- Behavior that risks personal injury to self or others, including unnecessary roughness in play of the game
- Sexual, verbal, or physical harassment; public indecency
- Refusal to abide by the official's decision
- Gambling on the outcome of the game
- Using, selling, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Use of tobacco products or vaping
- Any violation of federal, state, or local criminal law or ordinance
- Theft, damage, or destruction of City property
- Failure to comply with staff requests, including refusal to leave the area promptly

Officials are required to immediately suspend the participant, coach, or spectator from the event and report the decision to the Program/Field Supervisor and scorekeepers. The suspension will remain in effect until the case has been reviewed by the Athletic Program Administrator. Repeated offenses may result in revocation of privileges for further participation in City-sponsored athletic events or activities.