



Youth and Adult Participant Code of Conduct

Philosophy & Mission

All sport programs offered by Highlands Ranch Community Association are based on fun and participation. We realize there is a competitive situation when two teams are playing each other, BUT winning is not our primary goal. Our mission is to develop positive sportsmanship skills and athletic ability in a positive, safe, and fun environment. Participants, coaches, parents, spectators, and staff all play an important role in meeting this mission.

The Code of Conduct for Youth and Adult Sport, Fitness, and Martial Arts

Participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to support league staff and officials, treat the facilities with respect, and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

All Parents, Spectators, and Participants are required to follow the following conduct:

- Good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times.
- Support league officials. Understand that officiating is not an easy task and officials are guaranteed to make errors in the course of a game.
- Treat all participants, coaches, officials, and HRCA representatives with respect.
- Parents and spectators must stay in the designated area. Game officials will have the authority to call a forfeit if an individual refuses to comply with game officials directions regarding spectators in off limits areas.
- Follow the facility guidelines, and be respectful of the facility at all times. No food or drink is permitted in the gym. Participants may ONLY have closed capped drinks.
- No jewelry may be worn by participants at any time during the game.

Zero Tolerance for Youth and Adult Sport Misconduct

HRCA has a zero tolerance policy for coach, participant, or spectator misconduct. Verbal and physical abuse, as well as abuse of facilities will not be tolerated.

Non-compliance

- Any HRCA representative or official may eject any player or spectator without prior warning for any misconduct, regardless of the severity of the situation. Any person ejected is required to leave the facility immediately. The person must leave the facility before play is restarted or the team will forfeit the remainder of the game. If a head coach is ejected and a league approved assistant coach is not available to coach the remainder of the game it will be considered a forfeit for the offending team.
- Infractions may be grounds for a suspension period or expulsion from future HRCA participation.
- Aggressive behavior towards participants or other spectators will result in the offender being escorted from the facility by a member of the Douglas County Sheriffs Office. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS RULE.**
- The officials will have the authority to terminate prematurely any competition when they feel in their discretion that it is in the interest of safety to do so. Score at the time of the termination will be the final score, unless the leading team is primarily responsible for the termination, in which case the leading team shall lose by forfeit.
- All grievances must be communicated through the Captain.
- In addition to the penalties and suspensions assessed under the individual sports rules, the League Authorities may, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game and may assess additional suspensions for any offense committed before, during or after any game by a player or Team Official, whether or not such offense had been penalized by the Referee.

All captains and participants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the rules and disciplinary action that is outlined in their individual sport's rule book. Rule books will be made available by your captain, or can be obtained from the HRCA Sports Office. Game officials have full discretion to interpret and apply the rules. Game officials' decisions will be final, and results will not be subject to appeal.