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# Carroll County Parks and Recreation Athletics Code of Conduct

### Definitions

**Coach/Manager** - A person designated as a team spokesman, one who is either a player or non-player.

**Player** - A person, who participates in the game, sits on the bench or is on the team roster.

**Spectator** - A person watching the game for entertainment and having no physical involvement in the game in progress.

**Official** - Individuals on the field or court to administer the official league and game rules.

**Participation** - Any involvement in a Carroll County Parks & Recreation Department activity such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, or attending any P&R event.

**Probation** – Individual is allowed to continue in a program. If another violation of the Code of Conduct occurs, individual shall be suspended.

**Suspension** - Complete and total removal from a program for the designated amount of time.

**Recreation Activity** – Shall consist of any/ all events, activities or programs sponsored by the Carroll County Parks & Recreation Department.

**League Supervisor** - The Carroll County Parks & Recreation Department employee designated to supervise the activity.

## Code of Conduct

1. **No Person Shall** - At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player or spectator. Officials/league supervisors are required to suspend individuals immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from two league/tournament games, placed on probation for one year.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension for one year from all activities offered by the Carroll County Parks & Recreation Dept. Individual must request to be reinstated following one year suspension.

2. **No Person Shall** - Refuse to abide by an official or league supervisor's decision. Officials and league supervisors are required to suspend the individual immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from two league/tournament games, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from the remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

3. **No Person Shall** - Be guilty of obscene gestures, behaviors, verbalizations or objectionable demonstrations of dissent at official's or league supervisor's decision. Officials and league supervisor are required to suspend the individual immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

**The Coach Shall** - Be the only team representative who may discuss a decision with the officials. League supervisor/official is required to suspend the individual immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

4. **No Person Shall** - Be guilty of using rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player. Officials are required to suspend players immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

5. **No Person Shall** - Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, spectator or league supervisor.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

6. **No Person Shall** - Appear on the contest area under the influence of alcohol/drugs or consume alcoholic beverages while participating in a Carroll County Parks & Recreation program. Officials/league supervisors are required to suspend individual immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from two league/tournament games, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* – Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

7. **No Person Shall** - Smoke or chew tobacco while coming off or going into the field of play or while in the contest area.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* – Suspension from remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the following year.

8. **Coach /Team** - Are responsible for the conduct of spectators, parents or any person directly connected with their team. Officials and league supervisors are required to suspend individuals immediately from the game.

*Minimum Penalty* - Suspension from one league/tournament game, placed on probation for remainder of season.

*Maximum Penalty* - Suspension from spectator or suspension for spectator and coach for the remaining league/tournament games, plus probation for the remaining year.

9. **Official's decisions are final. Judgment calls may not be protested.**

## **Enforcement's**

1. Suspension from the program shall result in the person's case being heard by the Director of Parks and Recreation. Their decision shall be final.
  - A. A suspended person must remove himself from the program/contest area as designated by the league supervisor.
  - B. If a suspended person does not remove himself from the confines of the program/contest area, the league supervisor shall call the authorities.
  - C. One-minute clause: One minute shall be allowed for a suspended person(s) to remove himself/herself from the designated program/contest area. If this time limit is not met, the contest shall be forfeited to the opponents.
2. Repeat offenders will receive the Maximum Penalty.
3. Should a coach be suspended from performing his/her coaching duties, he/she may attend games as a spectator while on suspension, but may not take part in coaching during those games in any way. If the suspended coach is deemed to be non-compliant with the suspension, or becomes disruptive at games during the suspension, further action against the coach will be taken and the maximum penalty will be enforced.
4. Reasonable Discretion– League Supervisor: any enforcement procedures, which are not stated herein, may be provided by the league supervisor as is necessary to provide for the recreational enjoyment of players, coaches, and spectators.