

Peoria Park District

Youth Sports Behavior Management Code

Welcome to the Peoria Park District Youth Sports Program. This program is offered for your enjoyment and therefore your cooperation and good sportsmanship is essential to the overall success of the program. All players, coaches, and spectators are anticipated to act responsibly during the entire program. In instances where responsible behavior does not occur, Peoria Park District appreciates/acknowledges a responsibility to take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate against players, coaches, and spectators not acting in an acceptable manner, including, but not limited to suspension from games, expulsion from the park and participation in any future programs. The benefit a participant derives from this program depends very much on the participant's adherence to accepted standards of behavior.

These definitions provide information and directions to participants regarding standards of behavior, as well as consequences of participants and guests.

Each player, coach, and fans are expected to do the following:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- Respect the rights and privileges of other participants and staff.
- Respect the property of others, including Peoria Park District's property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the staff in maintaining safety, order, and responsible behavior.

Unacceptable behaviors include the following:

- Being involved in any form of insubordination.
- Failure to conform to the Peoria Park District rules.
- Use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Defacing and/or damaging Peoria Park District property or the property of others.
- Engaging in inappropriate physical or verbal conduct.
- Running, pushing, shoving, littering, or throwing objects (which are not part of supervised activity).
- Producing loud, rude, or activity disruptive noises.
- Possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons on or off the playing field.

Section I: Participant Behavior

1. Any player verbally abusing a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter will be subject to a minimum one (1) game suspension and/or a letter of concern to the participant's parents or guardians.
2. Any player charging at and/or making physical contact with a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, will receive a suspension for a minimum of two (2) games.
3. Any player striking a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, will be

banned from all youth sports programs at the Peoria Park District for a minimum of one (1) year, beginning at the time of the incident.

Section II: Coaches Behavior

(All people working with or aiding the participants during the practice/game will be considered coaches for the purpose of this rule).

1. Any coach verbally abusing a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game and not more than five (5) games at the Peoria Park District facilities.
2. Any coach charging at and/or coming into physical contact with a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, will be banished from further practices and games for the remainder of the current season, and possible from all activities within the Peoria Park District Youth Sports Leagues.
3. Any coach striking a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, will be banished from all youth sports programs at the Peoria Park District permanently. (Criminal charges will also be pursued.)

Section III: Fan & Parent Behavior

1. Any fan or parent verbally abusing a youth sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, shall receive a written letter of concern and possible suspension from further attendance at a Peoria Park District Youth Sports Leagues.
2. Any fan or parent charging at and/or physically making contact with a youth sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, before, during, or after a contest, or in a related matter, will be banished from further practices and games for the remainder of the season, and possible from all activities within the Peoria Park District Youth Sports Leagues.
3. Any fan or parent striking a sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, in any setting, will be prosecuted to the fullest and banished permanently from all youth sports programs at the Peoria Park District.

Section IV: Repeat Behavior

1. A second verbal attack on a youth sports official, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, in any setting, will be prosecuted to the fullest and banished permanently from any youth sports programs at the Peoria Park District.
2. Continual harassment of officials, Peoria Park District employee or volunteer, in any setting, will not be tolerated and will be dealt with on an individual basis.