



## YOUTH/ADULT SPORTS COACHES/PLAYERS/SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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The following Code of Conduct applies to all participants in Town of Apple Valley, Park and Recreation Department sports leagues and will be enforced before, during and after all scheduled games. It also applies to parents and guardians of participants and all friends and family members in attendance. Volunteer coaches must also adhere to the Code of Conduct. Each incident will be viewed separately and the Park and Recreation Manager reserves the right to impose stronger or lesser penalties than indicated in the Code of Conduct.

1. No Player/Spectator shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any suspended player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the Recreation Department. Officials are required to ask spectator to leave the premises.

**MINIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension from two league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season. **Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of day.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension for the remainder of season and/or assault charges filed. **Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of season and/or assault charges filed

2. No Player shall refuse to abide by officials decisions. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any suspended player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the Recreation Department.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Placed on probation for remainder of season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from 2 league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season.

3. No Player, Spectator, or Coach shall be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of disapproval at official's decisions. Penalty is based on level of transgression and Official shall use professional judgment.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by Official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from game/premises and referred to Recreation Department for further action.

4. No Player shall discuss with an Official in any manner the decision reached by such Official except the Manager or Captain of any team. Penalty is based on level of transgression and Official shall use professional judgment.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by Official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from game/premises and referred to Recreation Department for further action.

5. No Player shall be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately warn the player and the coach one time. If the rough tactics continue, the Official must suspend player from the game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any suspended player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the Recreation Department.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Placed on probation for remainder of season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from 2 league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season.

6. No Player, Spectator or Coach shall be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any Player, Official or Spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any suspended player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the Recreation Department. Officials are required to ask spectator to discontinue behavior. If behavior is not stopped, Officials are required to ask spectator to leave the premises.

**MINIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Placed on probation for the remainder of season.

**Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of day.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension from 2 league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season. **Spectator:** Banned from premises for 2 weeks from the date of incident.

7. No Player/Spectator shall be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any Player, Official or Spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any suspended player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the Recreation Department. Officials are required to ask spectator to leave the premises.

**MINIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension from two league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season. **Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of day.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension for life and/or assault charges filed.

**Spectator:** Banned for life from premises and/or assault charges filed.

8. No Player, Spectator or Coach shall use foul or obscene language or provoking gestures while on the playing field, sidelines, court, dugout or bench. Penalty is based on level of transgression and Official shall use professional judgment.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by Official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from game/premises and referred to Recreation Department for further action.

9. No Player, Spectator or Coach shall appear upon any field of play, dugout, or bleachers at any time during league play under the influence of alcohol or drugs nor shall a Coach/Spectator drink alcohol or indulge in drugs, before during or directly after any game. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such action to Recreation Department. Any Spectator engaging in above mentioned activity would be asked to leave the premises.

**MINIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Placed on probation for the remainder of season.

**Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of day

**MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension for the remainder of season.

**Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of season.

10. No Player shall be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of games with any Spectator, Player or Opponent. Officials are required to report such action to Recreation Department.

**MINIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Placed on probation for remainder of season.

**Spectator:** Asked to discontinue activity. If activity continues, Spectator will be asked to leave premises.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player/Coach:** Suspension for the remainder of season.

**Spectator:** Banned from premises for remainder of season.

11. No Player/Coach shall smoke while on the field of play.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning from Official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from game.

12. **Dress Code.** Uniform for all youth sports shall consist of T-shirt issued by the Recreation Department.

A) Shirts cannot be frayed or have cut-off sleeves.

B) Shirts cannot be altered in any way other than the child's given name printed on the back of the T-shirt with block style letters no more than 3" in height.

C) Shirts must be tucked into shorts/pants.

D) Pants/shorts cannot be torn or frayed to where it causes a safety hazard.

E) The waistlines of the pants/shorts must be worn at the participant's waist.

F) Participants are required to wear closed-toed shoes with non-marking soles. Jewelry is not permitted during games or practices.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning from Official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Technical foul and/or removal from the game

***Additional Notes:***

*The Town of Apple Valley Park and Recreation Department is not responsible for any loss, stolen or damage of personal items. Please leave all valuables at home. We do not secure any valuables for coaches, players or spectators.*

*Players may be suspended from all leagues if deemed appropriate by the Park and Recreation Manager.*