

### **SPORTSMANSHIP EMPHASIS**

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation Sports has revised and updated our existing Sportsmanship Policy to address many issues facing the sports environment today. We continue to stress a safe and quality sports environment for everyone involved by screening and credentialing volunteers, coaches and officials. We will continue to improve by having professional staff, inviting parents to meetings, encouraging feedback from participants. Anyone participating at any SCPR venue will be held accountable and respect the sports environment. SCPR will put forth our best effort to make programs and facilities safe and enjoyable.

We are proud to cooperate with local organizations and offer a positive sports environment to the public, meeting our mission. Serving the public in a viable manner promotes the development and growth of quality sports, especially for youth. Our goal is for everyone to understand that disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Help us educate and create the ideal sports environment for everyone.

Each coach/captain is responsible to get information and forms to participants, parents, fans and other interested parties. When registering as an individual or team in any of our sports leagues or visiting our facilities and parklands, you should respect the game, opponents, officials, staff, facilities and fans. SCPR will not tolerate excuses for lack of rule or code knowledge. By your individual or team participation, you agree to abide by County Code and all rules contained herein.

### **FLAGRANT, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

Any foul or abusive language, gestures, fighting or disruptive behavior directed at or performed by a participant, opponent, official/umpire, scorekeeper, spectator and/or SCPR staff may result in the immediate ejection and/or suspension of the person(s) in question. This will include not abiding by guidelines or County Code set forth. Continued behavior may result in game(s) being forfeited. Managers, coaches and parents are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of their players and fans before, during and after participation in any SCPR sponsored event while on County property.

SCPR staff may also eject any persons guilty of unsportsmanlike behavior.

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation reserves the right to remove any individual or team from the league for such conduct or use other disciplinary action as deemed necessary. Any future disturbance caused by a player or team on probation will result in that player or team's status being reviewed as to further participation in league play.



### **MISTREATMENT OF OFFICIALS, STAFF**

If it is determined that any participant, coach/captain or spectator is guilty of any of the following directed specifically toward a game official or SCPR staff member, there will be an immediate dismissal from the premises and one-year suspension from SCPR programs and facilities.

- Inflicting physical harm
- Using threatening words or actions
- Deterring any official or staff from performing their assigned duties

### **PARTICIPANT RIGHTS**

**Appeal** – Any suspended person has the right to appeal the decision from the league manager. Any suspended person has 48 hours to indicate the intention to appeal. This intention must be communicated to the SCPR Sports Office.

*For adult sports, the 48-hour appeals clock starts when the team captain has been notified.*

The SCPR Sports Office will form a three-member Sportsmanship Panel and set up in-person meeting to hear all appeals from suspended person(s). The decision of the Panel will be final.

**Reinstatement** – Any suspended person has the right to apply for reinstatement during any suspension which spans multiple seasons. If a suspension is concluded within the same season it was issued, no reinstatement will occur.

### **Disclaimers:**

- *All league/tournament teams, as well as renters and partners or user groups will adhere to the above policies and procedures unless noted otherwise.*
- *All coaches, captains, parents and fans are held to the above standards within the policy.*
- *No refunds or credits are issued to a team or player for games suspended or forfeited due to violations of our SCPR Sportsmanship Policy.*
- Minors must be escorted by a parent or guardian. Parents/guardians are responsible for their actions and safety.

### **GENERAL CONCLUSION**

Additional rules or penalties may apply to each individual or team pertaining to the sport in which they are participating. Some rules and penalties carry over from one sport to another including facilities. Individual circumstances may be evaluated separately.

Violating conduct or rules may warrant further action by Shawnee County.

All questions and comments should be directed to SCPR Sports:

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