

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CITY OF LOUDON PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS AND EVENTS

The City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Department feels that due to increasing violence in youth sports that rules, regulations, and guidelines need to be set for any and all of our sports, events, or activities. WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Loudon believe it is necessary and appropriate to provide for a code of conduct for participants and spectators of events and programs conducted by the Loudon Recreation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Loudon, Tennessee as follows:

Section 1. General

The following basic rules shall be followed, having been established in the best interest of users and recreational services facilities. Any additional rules posted at recreation facilities or directed by staff shall be enforced. Individuals not cooperating with established policies will be asked to leave and may be barred from further participation.

Section 2. Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Ejection Policy

(A) If a participant or spectator in a recreation program or facility is ejected from any facility (indoor or outdoor), program, contest, or activity, he/she is immediately ineligible for further access or competition in any recreation program or facility until he/she appears before the Recreation Advisory Commission for the program in which unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred.

(B) It is the participant's responsibility to schedule an appointment with the Recreation Director or his designee to review his/her behavior and subsequent eligibility in any recreation program or facility. Participants and spectators suspensions are effective upon notification by the Recreation Director or his designee. Suspension remains in force during the review process and the Recreation Directors decision is final.

(C) Any participant or spectator who commits, incites, or aids others in committing any of the following acts of unsportsmanlike conduct or misconduct shall be subject to the following disciplinary procedures:

(1) When a participant or spectator hits, strikes, or pushes a recreation employee, recreation representative, coach, umpire, or referee (league official) – he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation services and facilities. Participants or

spectators may petition the Recreation Advisory Commission for reinstatement after a minimum of one calendar year.

(2) Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward a recreation employee, recreation representative, or coach – he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs and facilities. After a minimum of two months, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(3) Threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward another participant or spectator – he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After a minimum of one month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(4) Verbally abusing a recreation employee or coach, participant, user, or spectator – he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension from recreation programs or facilities. After a minimum of one month, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement.

(5) Actions which could potentially cause equipment or facility damage – he/she shall be subject to indefinite suspension. After a minimum of one week, the suspension may be appealed to the Recreation Advisory Commission for consideration of reinstatement. The City may take additional legal action to recover the costs of damages to facilities and equipment.

(6) Participants and spectators are expected to be cooperative and honest when asked for identification and assistance in identifying individuals who may be involved in incidents. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the use of facilities or programs.

(7) Personal conduct situations that are not covered by the previous rulings will be dealt with in an appropriate manner by the Recreation Director or his designee responsible for the program in which the unsportsmanlike conduct and/or ejection occurred.

Section 3. Other Penalties

Violation of the City's ejection policy shall be declared a public nuisance. Any participant or spectator who violates the terms and conditions of the ejection policy shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each offense.