

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
CODE OF CONDUCT PROCEDURES

Although the County supports the various sports leagues in many ways, the County cannot assist cosponsoring leagues in enforcing their own internal issues. Each league organizes itself in different ways with a wide range of regulations and enforcement mechanisms. If volunteers, participants or parents violate internal League rules then each league organization should take appropriate action within its guidelines. However, the county does enforce standards of behavior at county facilities and can prohibit individuals from using county facilities. An individual may be banned from a county facility if:

1. A person engages in any behavior at a county facility which would constitute a crime (e.g. assault or consuming alcoholic beverages) or;
2. A person engages in any behavior, which disrupts the use of a county facility for family recreational and sports activity (e.g. sexually harassing behavior, public profanity or physically disrupting a sporting event).

If the Director of Parks and Recreation receives a complaint of such inappropriate behavior at a county facility, he will investigate the matter and, if necessary, send a letter to the offending person indicating that they are no longer allowed in county facilities. If that person then enters a county facility, a police officer can be called who will ask the person to leave. If the person does not leave, he can be charged with trespassing.

Procedures

If a cosponsored organization has a problem that demands immediate attention, they should call the night or weekend rover who will assist with solving the problem. If the problem cannot be solved by the Parks and Recreation staff, county police officers will be asked to resolve the conflict.

If, after the conflict has been resolved, the league or association feels that this issue needs additional attention, the organization should submit in writing to the Director of Parks and Recreation a request to have the situation reviewed.

A committee consisting of one PRAC member and two Parks and Recreation staff members will meet as soon as possible to discuss the issue and report back to the league or association.

In order to best handle these requests and to help better assist organizations with these issues, the implementation by leagues and associations of the Parks & Recreation Code of Conduct will enable committee members to better help solve problems.

Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Code of Conduct

The Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has adopted the following code of conduct as a result of its concerns for good sportsmanship in cosponsored youth activities. Youth sports can be used as an opportunity for young people to learn how to engage in healthy competition while maintaining respect for their opponents. All parties to athletic competitions should adhere to the highest standards of positive support for the contestants. By participating in Chesterfield County Youth Sport Programs, all parties must abide by the Code of Conduct. Violations may result in the loss of privileges at county facilities.

I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.

I will respect the officials and their authority. I will refrain from questioning, discussing or confronting coaches during the games, and will take time to speak with the officials or coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youths, not the adults.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I realize that the purpose of my attendance is to observe a contest and support recreation activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.

I will respect the athletic facility in which I am visiting and will not damage or deface park or school property.

I have read and understand the code of conduct and consent to abide by all listed terms.

Signature _____ **Date** _____