

Gastonia Parks & Recreation Department Player, Coach, Spectator, Parent Code of Conduct



The Gastonia Parks & Recreation Department (GPRD) strives to provide positive athletic experiences for all children. We are dedicated to providing every participant an opportunity to learn, play and have fun. While we acknowledge the fact that athletic participation is a competitive venture, we believe that in the recreational context, participation and good sportsmanship are more important than winning. In keeping with our philosophy, the following rules and guidelines are provided to ensure that everyone can enjoy a positive experience.

- ❑ **Parents and spectators should refrain from “GRANDSTAND COACHING,” BADGERING OR HARASSING any member of their respective team, the opposing team, or referees, and showing conduct unbecoming of a lady or gentleman.**
 - ❖ **PENALTY:** Before imposition of any penalty set out below, GPRD staff will make every effort to approach the offender and inform him or her that the conduct is unacceptable and that if it continues the offender faces ejection as set out below. However, in the case of conduct that is abusive, threatening or interrupts play, the following penalties may be imposed immediately.
 - **1ST OFFENSE:** The parent/spectator will be ejected from the playing facility.
 - **2ND OFFENSE:** The parent/spectator will be suspended from Recreation Department Property and/or School Property while it is being used by the Recreation Department for 1 year.
 - If any parent is guilty of any misconduct mentioned above, said parent’s child could be suspended from further participation in the league.
- ❑ **COACHES ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR COACHES’ BOX. BADGERING OFFICIALS AND SCOREKEEPERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

❑ **PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR, PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Any infraction of the Code Of Conduct will result in immediate ejection from the playing facility. Any player, manager, spectator or parent ejected from the playing facility has 2 minutes to be out of sight and sound or the game will be considered a forfeit.

1. **NO PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, push, shove or threaten to strike an official.
 2. **NO PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** Refuse to abide by an official’s decision.
 3. **NO PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official’s decision by throwing balls or equipment.
 4. **NO PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of heaping personal verbal abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
 5. **NO PLAYER, COACH, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any players, officials or spectators.
 6. **NO PLAYER, SPECTATOR OR PARENT SHALL:** Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official except the team captain or manager.
 7. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing team.
 - ❖ **PENALTY: (RULES 1-7) - POSSIBLE SUSPENSION FOR THE SEASON. Officials will make a written report to the Recreation Department.**
- ❖ **SUSPENSIONS:** The degree of flagrancy is in the official’s judgment. The official will make a written report to the Athletic Supervisor. Suspensions will take place accordingly. Violations can range from a 2 game suspension to suspension for the remainder of the season. If there is a second occurrence or the degree of flagrancy warrants this type of action on the first offense, the player, manager, spectator or parent will be suspended from all recreation property or school property used by the recreation department for one year. (A player, manager, spectator or parent that is suspended may appeal this suspension to the Director of Parks & Recreation.)

I have read the above rules and policies set by the City of Gastonia Recreation Department and agree to abide by all rules and regulations. I understand that positive behavior as a parent, spectator or coach is imperative in providing a quality program for our youth.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Coach’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____