



**ATHLETIC POLICY MANUAL**

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**ARTICLE 6.0 Zero Tolerance Policy**

- A. We understand that athletics are competitive by nature; however as a department we've taken proactive, zero tolerance stance towards unsportsmanlike act or conduct deemed inappropriate at any DCRP sponsored athletics.
- B. Below are in no way a complete list of unsportsmanlike conduct examples, but rather actual consequences for actions deemed inappropriate.
  - a. The following actions would result in ONE game suspension:
    - i. Acting in an unsportsmanlike or inappropriate manner before, during, or after a schedule game or practice.
    - ii. Any player, coach, or spectator who refuses to abide by any officials' decision.
    - iii. No player or coach shall be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of ball throwing, stomping, kicking, etc. due to an official's decision
  - b. The following actions would result in MULTIPLE game or LEAGUE season suspension:
    - i. If a player, coach, or spectator is removed from a game or facility by an official or gym supervisor for unsportsmanlike conduct (profanity, disruptive behavior, etc.).
    - ii. If a spectator walks onto the court or field of play during a game showing unsportsmanlike conduct. Exception: A parent/guardian spectator may walk onto the court or field of play in the event of a visible injury to their child.
    - iii. Using obscene or inappropriate language which includes flagrant gestures.
  - c. The following actions would result in YEAR or INDEFINITE suspension:
    - i. Any player, coach, or spectator that pushes, strikes, shoves, or threatens an official/referee, gym supervisor, staff member, opposing player or coach, or fan with bodily harm before, during, or after a game.
    - ii. If a player, coach, or spectator is involved in a fight or other physical altercation before, during, or after a department sponsored practice or game.
    - iii. Being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while attending any DCRP sponsored game, practice, or event.
- C. Ejected coach or spectators must leave the facility. Ejected players must remain seated on the bench during the game. Exception: A player may leave with a parent or guardian.
- D. Any time a player or coach is suspended twice during the season, he or she will be dismissed for the remainder of the season. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, then the offender is placed on indefinite suspension.
- E. A coach who is suspended may not coach or practice with any team that he is affiliated with during that time, regardless of grade division.
- F. Indefinite suspension is at the discretion of Davie County Recreation and Parks staff.