

Code of Conduct, Locust Parks and Rec.

For all parents, coaches, spectators, and players of the City of Locust Youth Athletic Programs

Athletics Mission: To provide recreational programs focusing on education, sportsmanship, and enrichment of lives for residents of Locust.

It is the position of the City of Locust Parks and Recreation Department that teaching, and exemplification of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and education are the top priorities to be accomplished in its youth sports programs, and that no justification exists for any coach, player, or spectator to act in any manner contrary to these principles when involved in such programs.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, SPECTATORS, AND PLAYERS

The following code of conduct is in effect for all games, and will apply to regular season as well as pre- or post-season play:

- 1) No one shall refuse to abide by an official's, site supervisor's, or league official's decision
- 2) No one shall discuss any calls or rulings with the game officials except the head coach
- 3) No one shall be guilty of objectionable displays of dissent at an game official's decision
- 4) No one shall be guilty of heaping verbal abuse upon any game official, league official, site supervisor, coach or spectator at any time for any reason
- 5) No one shall commit any act or rule violation that results in ejection or disqualification from a game.
- 6) No one shall be guilty of using profane, vulgar, obscene, or abusive language within earshot of players at any time.
- 7) No one shall be guilty of directing profane, vulgar, obscene, or abusive language toward any player, game official, site supervisor, league official, coach, or spectator at any time for any reason
- 8) No one shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or threaten anyone at any time
- 9) No one shall strike or otherwise physically accost or attack anyone at any time
- 10) No one shall be guilty of being impaired by alcohol or drugs during their presence at a City of Locust facility or program; or of being in possession of such alcohol or drugs at a City of Locust facility or program.

Penalties for a violation of this code of conduct are on reverse, or page 2.

PENALTIES:

- **For violations of 1,2,3, or 4:** The guilty party is ejected from game or premises and is automatically suspended from attendance at the team's next two games. (Note: for minor infractions of 1,2,3, or 4, a warning may be issued at the discretion of the game official, site supervisor, or league officials).
- **For violation of 5:** Any coach or player ejected or disqualified from a game for any reason is automatically suspended from participating in his/her team's next two games. Coaches under suspension may not be present at the game site. Players may be present but are not to participate in the game in any capacity.
- **For violation of 6:** Guilty party will be ordered to cease at once. Failure to do so will result in the guilty party being suspended from attendance at City of Locust sports activities for a time to be determined by Park Director.
- **For violation of 7:** Ejection from game and/or premises, suspension from attendance at City of Locust sports activities for a minimum of one year, or otherwise decided by the Park Director
- **For violation of 8:** Ejection from game and/or premises, suspension from all City of Locust athletic facilities and programs for a minimum of remainder of season, to include both regular season and post-season play.
- **For violation of 9:** Ejection from game and/or premises, suspension from all City of Locust athletic facilities and programs for a minimum of one calendar year.
- **For violation of 10:** Guilty party will be prosecuted as appropriate to violation and will be barred from City of Locust athletic facilities and programs for a minimum of one calendar year.
- **Note 1:** The Park Director reserves the right to invoke more severe penalties for blatant, flagrant, or willful violations of any conduct rule.
- **Note 2:** For violations by spectators or others not subject to game rules: The Park Director will investigate the incident and will assess any additional penalties.
- **Note 3:** Penalties to the code of conduct may be appealed to the Park Director within one week of the consequence.