

Southwick Recreation Center

Zero Tolerance Policy



“It is your response to winning and losing that makes you a winner or loser”

~ *Harry Sheehy*

Please remember that sports are meant to be FUN...

Don't let someone make the sport UNFUN for you !

Southwick Recreation Center's Zero Tolerance Policy

The Southwick Recreation Center Board of Directors have agreed and accepted the following document that states there will be a "Zero Tolerance" for fans, participants and coaches for misbehavior at all sporting events. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Booing & shouting out at officials
- Arguing any calls
- Expressing any negative behavior or comments
- Threats or obscene gestures to players, coaches or officials is also unacceptable

Cheering in a positive fashion, for both sides is highly encouraged. Ours is a recreational league with FUN as the primary emphasis. Many officials and coaches are volunteers and we should all appreciate their efforts, and support them, setting good example for the children.

Any spectator who does not behave appropriately, as stated in the Zero Tolerance Policy, will be asked to leave the sporting event according to the following steps:

- Officials/SRC Board of Directors Member/Committee Member of that sport will identify violators to the coach, or vice versa.
- Officials/SRC Board of Directors Member/Committee Member of that sport will confer with both coaches, one of whom will then approach the spectator and may give a warning, or ask them to leave. If the spectator is not recognized by either coach, the home coach will speak to him/her.

If the decision is made for the spectator to leave, play will not resume until he/she has left the facility/fields. If he/she refuses to leave, his/her team will forfeit, and the game will be over.

All violations must be reported to the Committee Chairman of that sport and all reports violations of the policy will be investigated and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the "Zero Tolerance Policy", that could include, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by an official, head coach or Board of Director Member/Committee Member of that sport.
- Parental game suspension with a written documentation of incident kept on file by the Committee of that sport.
- Game forfeit initiated by the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Procedure for Administration of the Zero Tolerance Policy

The Southwick Recreation Center has adopted a policy for Zero Tolerance of unsportsmanlike conduct in its sports programs. The Board of Directors along with the Sport Committee members & Coaches have the responsibility to adhere to and enforce this policy. All of the above mentioned must read the following guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Chairman of their sport to administer the rules and regulations of this policy in accordance to the procedures outlined below:

OFFICIAL:

- It is also the responsibility of the official to inform all of the coaches of the infraction. It will be the responsibility of the coaches to inform the involved party of the infraction and the minimum penalty that is being instituted (If a coach is the offender they need not to be informed a second time).
- When, in the opinion of the official, rules stated in this policy are violated, the official shall notify the Chairman of that sport of the nature of the infraction(s) within 24 hours of the incident.
- Any participant suspended from a game is to immediately leave the field/building of play or any area where the participant's presence might in any way disrupt the remainder of the activity.

COACHES:

- It is the responsibility of the coaches of a contest to notify the Chairman of that sport as well as the Supervisor of Officials, in writing, of all infractions of the Code of Ethics within 24 hours of the infraction. This includes, but is not limited to, infractions brought to the attention of the coaches by the game official or umpire.
- Any participant suspended from a game is to immediately leave the field of play or any area where the participant's presence might in any way disrupt the remainder of the activity.

CHAIRMAN OF A SPORT COMMITTEE:

- The Chairman of that sport is responsible to submit all reports of any incident involving the violation of the Code of Ethics to his/her Committee within 48 hours of the incident. This is not limited to violations reported by officials.

THE SPORT COMMITTEE:

- A Committee of that sport will investigate all reported violations of the "Code of Conduct".
- Review all reports, interview necessary parties, schedule necessary meetings, assess penalties and refer to the Southwick Recreation Center's Board of Directors when appropriate.
- The time frames stated will be strictly adhered to. The participant involved will remain suspended from team activities until the incident has been reviewed and a decision rendered by the Committee of that sport. The Committee of that sport will not review any incident until it has received reports from officials, coaches, Supervisor of Officials and Chairman of that sport.

Code of Conduct: Penalties:

01. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, above, strike or threaten an official, coach, player or spectator. Officials are required to suspend any player who violates this rule immediately from play and report players to the Committee of that sport. Such players shall remain suspended for the maximum period or until reinstated by the Committee of that sport.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from (2) league games, placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

02. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Refuse to abide by an official's decision. Officials are required to suspend any player who violates this rule immediately from play and report players to the Committee of that sport. Such players shall remain suspended for the maximum period or until reinstated by the Committee of that sport.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

03. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Use obscene gestures or objectionable demonstrations of dissent concerning an official's decision. The degree of the infraction of this principle of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgement, draw the following:

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate removal from the game.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

04. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by an official. The coach shall be exempt from this rule. The degree of the infraction of this principle of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgement, draw the following:

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

05. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Use unnecessary roughness in the play of a game against an opposing player. Officials are required to suspend a player who violates this rule immediately from further play and report such players to the Committee of that sport. Such player shall remain suspended for the maximum period or until reinstated by the Committee of that sport.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

06. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Fight, physically attack as an aggressor upon any player, coach, official, or spectator. Officials are required to suspend any player who violates this rule immediately from play and report players to the Committee of that sport. Such players shall remain suspended for the maximum period or until reinstated by the Committee of that sport.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from (2) league games, placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

07. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Use abusive language or verbally attack another player, coach, official, or spectator. Officials are required to suspend any player who violates this rule immediately from play and report players to the Committee of that sport. Such players shall remain suspended for the maximum period or until reinstated by the Committee of that sport.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate removal from the game.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

08. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Appear on the court or field of play under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from (2) league games, placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

09. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Smoke while in any facility used for the Southwick Recreation Center programs or coming off or going on the field of play, or while in the field of play.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

10. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be cited in violation of the policy regarding alcohol/drugs on Southwick Recreation Center's property and facilities.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from one (1) league game, placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and placed on probation for the following year.

11. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be in violation of any three (3) of the above conduct rules. Three(3) violations in any class, sporting or non-sporting event sponsored or co-sponsored by the Southwick Recreation Center will result in the following:

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from any Southwick Recreation Center sponsored/co-sponsored events or activities for one(1) full year and two(2) years probation.
- MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from any Southwick Recreation Center sponsored/co-sponsored events or activities for an indefinite period of time.
- PROBATION: Any participant who violates any of the above conduct rules while on probation shall be subject to suspension for one(1) to five(5) years.

12. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Destroy any Southwick Recreation Center property in a malicious manner or with intent.

- MINIMUM PENALTY: Pay for damages to property
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