



Good Sportsmanship Code of Conduct Recreation Council Appeals Process

Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks recognizes that recreational and youth sports play a vital role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. We also recognize the need to provide a fun and safe playing environment for all. Therefore, all coaches, players, parents, and guests must abide by our Good Sportsmanship Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by the Good Sportsmanship Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action that may be imposed by the program or the sponsoring Recreation Council.

NON-APPEALABLE ACTIONS: The following disciplinary actions may not be appealed:

- Probation of one or two-game suspension in activities (includes parent, coaches, parents, or spectators).
- Two-week suspension for participants in adult activities (includes coaches and spectators).

Any person wanting to appeal a disciplinary action imposed by a Recreation Council or one of their sponsored programs must follow the steps below.

1. Any person receiving disciplinary action relating to a violation of the Department of Recreation & Parks Good Sportsmanship Code of Conduct may appeal that ruling. Appeals are presented to the Recreation Council first, and then to the Department of Recreation & Parks. (The Recreation Council may require an appeal to first be heard by the sponsored program).
2. Appeals made to the Recreation Council must be submitted, in writing, within two weeks of receiving disciplinary action. The Recreation Council will have up to 30 days to hear the appeal and make a ruling. If the ruling is upheld by the Recreation Council, the person may appeal the decision to the Department of Recreation and Parks Appeals Board.
3. An appeal request made to the Appeals Board must be submitted, in writing, within two weeks of being notified of the Recreation Council ruling.
4. Appearance before the Appeals Board will occur within 30 days of the Department of Recreation & Parks' receipt of the written request. The appeal presentation, which may include witnesses, is limited to a maximum of one hour.
5. The Appeals Board will be comprised of the following:
 - a. Director, Department of Recreation & Parks
 - b. Bureau Chief, Department of Recreation & Parks
 - c. A representative from the Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks Advisory Board
6. The Appeals Board will submit their ruling, in writing, to the violator within one week of the conclusion of the hearing. This information will be transmitted by registered mail.
7. The ruling of the Appeals Board is final.