



**2019**  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK**

## **2019 GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAM**

**Sponsor: Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department**

Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, we would like to welcome you to the Carrboro Girls Field Hockey Program.

The intent of this handbook is to provide the participant and parent with important information about our Field Hockey program. The information provided within will help to answer questions and familiarize the participant with the program prior to participating. It is our goal that the information included will help to provide the safest, most enjoyable and most beneficial experience possible.

Lastly, we hope you are looking forward to the upcoming Field Hockey season. If you have any questions, please contact the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 919.918.7364.

Sincerely,

Ryan A. Reed  
Recreation Supervisor

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## **1. Department Information**

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## **2. Department Mission Statement**

To enrich the leisure needs and quality of life for citizens by providing accessible facilities, creative and diverse recreation opportunities and a safe public park system.

### **3. Goals & Philosophy**

It is the philosophy of the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Commission that recreation should encompass social, physical and emotional benefits for our community's diverse population. There should be a variety of arts, athletic, and social programs, as well as events and services that encourage health, relaxation, enjoyment, cultural enrichment and learning opportunities for community involvement.

The goal of youth athletics is to provide an opportunity for all participants by developing athletic skills and creating a wholesome atmosphere. Good sportsmanship and basic fundamentals are emphasized under the leadership of volunteer coaches.

### **4. Registration Information**

Youth field hockey registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. All participants must register for each season/program. A girl may register to participate as long as she is in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2019-2019 school year.

Carrboro residents receive a one-day priority period for registration. All other residents may register beginning on the second day of registration.

#### **Special Requests For Team Selection**

**When registering for a program, any special requests such as: friends to be teammates, car-pooling purposes, medical reasons, etc., must be relayed to the staff member taking the registration. The Recreation and Parks Department will inform the coaches of these "special requests" prior to the league draft. **SPECIAL REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.** It is not mandatory or generally possible for coaches to fulfill all of these requests. However, they are encouraged to draft with them in mind.**

### **5. Refund Policy**

If a parent or guardian wants to cancel their registration before the season starts, he/she must notify the Carrboro Recreation Department in writing to be considered for a refund. A \$5 administrative fee will be charged for each refund. Participants wishing to receive a refund after the season has begun will receive a pro-rated refund minus the administrative fee.

## **6. Volunteer Coaches**

### **ALL coaches are volunteers!**

Anyone interested in coaching must submit an application to the Recreation and Parks Department. The application is reviewed by the Recreation Supervisor and references are checked on each new applicant. Our goal is to provide the most qualified coach for each team.

There are high expectations for all of our youth volunteer coaches. Each coach is required to communicate with players and parents regarding all practices and games. The coach must also be organized and punctual. Additionally, we provide coaching training through our 'Volunteer Leadership Program.' The program offers training and seminars in a variety of fields that relate to youth athletics.

We would encourage all parents to get to know their daughter's coach. If you have the time, volunteer to help the coach during practices or games. Assistant coaches are recruited by the Head Coach and must be approved by the Department. All head coaches and assistant coaches must complete a Volunteer Coach Contract prior to participating in practices or games.

## **7. Team Placements/Team Formation**

The Recreation Department will designate times for team placements. Team Placement is a process used for the formation of teams in our youth athletic programs. The goal of team placements is to create a balance among all the teams in a specific league and to maintain interest among all participants by providing the fairest level of competition possible. Players who are new to a league, or wish to be re-drafted, must attend at least one team placement session.

At team placements, the Recreation Department staff conducts a "mini-clinic." Each participant performs specific drills to allow each coach an opportunity to evaluate talent.

After all team placements are completed, the coaches meet to draft the teams. The following is an explanation of how the registration and placement process is conducted:

## **Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department Youth Athletics Team Placement Procedure**

**Administrator:** Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department Recreation Supervisor is the direct administrator of youth athletic programs.

**Purpose:** Team Placements is the process used by the administrator in the formation of teams.

**Goal:** To attempt to create a balance among all the teams in each specific league. To maintain interest among all participants by providing the fairest level of competition possible.

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### **I. Registration:**

Registration is accepted on an individual basis. Registration is first-come, first-serve.

All participants must register each season/program.

Unsigned participants will be considered ineligible to participate.

### **II. Pre-Draft Status**

Registered participants are classified into three (3) categories.

- A. Returning to an existing team
- B. Pre-assigned participant
- C. New or Unassigned participants

A. **Returning** – These players are eligible to return to the same team they played on last season.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. If a parent or legal guardian or sibling becomes the head coach of another team, the player has the option to switch to his / her parent's team. The team releasing the player would obtain the other team's second round pick in the draft.
2. If a player's parent(s) request for the player to re-enter team placements instead of returning to the same team.
3. If the number of participants decreases to a point that the number of teams must be reduced, those players who would have returned to a disbanded team must attend team placements.

B. **Pre-Assigned**: The Recreation and Parks Department has the discretion to place any player on a team prior to team placements for the following reasons:

1. Siblings on the same team
2. Parent/Legal Guardian (or sibling) becomes the HEAD coach
3. Two or more players live in the same household
4. Hardship or unusual circumstance approved through the Recreation and Parks Department

### C. Unassigned/New Participants

1. New players to the program or league
2. Players from a disbanded team
3. Players electing to attend team placements instead of returning to the same team.

### III. Draft Information:

The draft is established by the number of players listed on each team roster (Returning and Pre-Assigned).

The teams with the least number of players on their rosters (Returning and Pre-Assigned) will draft ahead of those teams with more.

When teams have the same number of players on their roster, the order of the draft will depend on the previous year's records. If a team is an expansion team, they will draft first, regardless of record, since they have no previous record.

### IV. Draft Participants: The participants in the draft will be:

- A. Head Coach
- B. Assistant Coach(es)\*
- C. Designated Department Personnel

\*Note:

- Parents of players participating in the team placement process are requested not to attend the draft.
- Parents of players attending team placements may not be recruited as an assistant coach prior to the draft.
- Youth participants are not eligible to "sit in" on the draft.

### V. The Draft

- The first two rounds each team will have one draft selection per round. The order will be determined according to roster size and last year's records. Expansion teams will draft ahead of established teams from the previous season.
- Third round and later, the team with the fewest number of players will draft until it reaches the team with the next fewest. This process will continue until all the participants attending team placements are drafted onto teams.
- If after the last complete round of the draft there exists an insufficient number of players (un-drafted) for another complete round to be conducted, these players will be selected in order determined by random draw.



- The number of players on any team returning, pre-assigned, or drafted cannot exceed 7 of any specific grade (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>).

\*Exception: If the remaining participants to be drafted are only of one grade, then the above rule no longer is applied.

#### VI. Post Draft Placements

A. Any player failing to show up for team placements will be placed on a team at the Department's discretion.

B. Players signing up after the draft will be placed on teams by the Recreation Department.

\*Consideration for POST DRAFT PLACEMENTS will be based on the participant's age, experience, talent and space in the program.

\*Players that would have been returning to an existing team if they signed up on time may not return to the same team if this addition causes an improper balance among the teams.

Questions concerning the Team Placement Process should be directed to the Recreation Supervisor at 919.918.7364.

### **8. Practices**

Practice is held primarily once during the week (Monday-Thursday) and on Saturdays in hour and a half increments at the following *tentative* times:

During the Week: 6:00pm or 6:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00pm; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 1:30pm; 3:00pm

Practices will be held at either of the following locations throughout the season:

Smith P.E. Field (9201 Seawell School Rd) – (PRIMARY LOCATION)

Smith P.E. Field is located at Smith Middle School. The playing area is located just to the left side of the main entrance to the Middle School. Participants should park in the drop off parking area of the Middle School.

\*\* Practice times and locations are subject to change.

## **9. Games**

Games are generally scheduled at the following *tentative* times:

During the Week: 6:00pm or 7:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am; 11:00am; 12:00pm; 1:00pm

Sundays: 1:00pm; 2:00pm; 3:00pm; 4:00pm

Games will be held the following location throughout the season:

Smith P.E. Field (9201 Seawell School Rd) – (PRIMARY LOCATION)

Smith P.E. Field is located at Smith Middle School. The playing area is located just to the left side of the main entrance to the Middle School. Participants should park in the drop off parking area of the Middle School.

\*\* Please bring a chair as there are no bleachers on the field.

\*\* Game times and locations are subject to change.

## **10. Cancellations**

Practices:

The decision to cancel practice usually rests with the coach. Factors such as weather, field conditions, potential lack of attendance, etc. may influence their decision. On occasion, the Recreation & Parks Department may make the decision to cancel practices. If practices are canceled, the coach will attempt to contact each player. They are encouraged to alert the Recreation Department as well, but they are not required to do so. Practice cancellations **will not** be placed on the Weather Information Line.

Games:

If games are canceled by the Recreation Department, the head coach will be contacted. He / she will be responsible for notifying all parents and players of the cancellation. A message stating the specific date and events cancelled will also be left on the **Weather Information Line (919.918.7373)**. If the games are not canceled, no message will be recorded. Decisions to cancel games are based on field conditions, not forecasts.

## **11. Uniform Information**

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will issue jerseys and socks to all youth field hockey participants. These uniforms are distributed to the teams prior to the first game of the season and are theirs to keep following the season. Participants should wear their uniform to all league games, but not to the regular team practices. Uniforms should not be altered by the addition of patches, markings, etc.

## **12. Equipment**

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department provides each team the equipment necessary for all practices and games (balls, goalie equipment, first aid kit, etc.)

The following are items which players should purchase or borrow if they do not own:

Mouthpieces – Any player participating in field hockey must wear a mouthpiece for either practice or games. Please take the proper steps to ensure that it has been fit properly.

Shoes – Cleated shoes should be worn to play field hockey. Metal cleats are prohibited.

Shin Guards – All players must wear shin guards in practices and games.

Eye Protection – All players must wear eye protection goggles in practices and games.

Sticks - Participants may bring their own stick to use in practices and games. If a player does not own a stick, she may borrow one from the Department and return it at season's end. The following page presents important information on stick selection:

### **Selecting a Field Hockey Stick**

From TK to Talon, from Penn Monto to Mohinder, from Grays to Gryphon, there's a field hockey stick for everyone. But while selecting the right stick is eventually a matter of personal preference, there are some factors to consider when making your stick selection.

#### **Balance & Weight**

Get a "feel" for the stick. It should be well balanced and feel comfortable in your hands. Depending on your preference, the weight may be evenly distributed throughout the length of the stick or concentrated in the stick's toe or head. The weight in the toe should not be so much as to limit your stick speed when playing the ball.

Field hockey sticks range in weight from light (18 oz. to 19 oz.), to medium (19-22 oz), to heavy (22 oz to FIH maximum 25.9 oz [737 grams]). Most players will use a stick in the medium range. Generally, forwards prefer a lighter stick for quick maneuvering in the

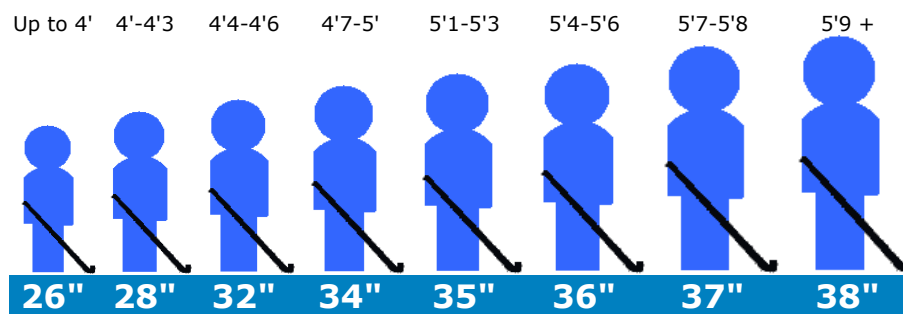
circle while defenders often choose a heavier stick for powerful clearing hits and to prevent attackers from casually "pushing" the stick aside.

## Length of Stick

Field hockey sticks range in length from 26 & 28-inch youth sticks to 38-inch sticks for taller and more experienced players.

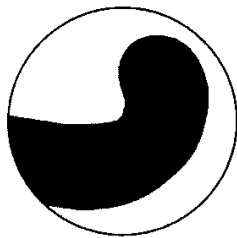
While the length of the stick is often determined by height, players often select the longest stick they can handle comfortably.

The chart below shows the general guideline for choosing the appropriate length stick.



## Toe Length

The "toe" or "head" of the stick may also vary depending on your position or style of play.



### Shorti

The "shorti toe" features a one-piece head to allow quick maneuverability around the ball.



### Midi

The "midi toe" features an increased hook surface and slightly longer length to allow a larger hitting and stopping area to facilitate receiving, flicking and reverse stick play.



### **Hook**

A "hook toe" hooks up to provide the maximum surface for receiving and a larger sweet spot for hitting.

## **Flexibility & Stiffness**

A flexible stick that absorbs shock is often the stick of choice for beginning or novice players. Flexible sticks tend to be more durable than their stiffer counterparts.

Advanced players may opt for a stiffer stick for increased power.

Manufacturers may add a variety of reinforcing materials to the stick to add strength and durability or promote either stiffness or flexibility. Fully composite and fiberglass sticks are legal at the collegiate and high school level, and revised international definitions of the stick at the international level allow the stick to "be made of or contain wood or any material other than metal or metallic components, provided it is fit for the purpose of playing hockey and is no risk to health."

**The above information may be found on the US Field Hockey Association Website:**  
[http://www.usfieldhockey.com/hockey/stick\\_selection.htm](http://www.usfieldhockey.com/hockey/stick_selection.htm)

## **13. Safety**

1. Proper supervision. All parents should monitor the facility before dropping their child off for practices and games. Please make sure that your child's coach is present. Also, practices last for an hour to an hour and a half, unless stated otherwise. Parents should be punctual when picking up their children.

2. Shoes. The shoes that should be worn to play field hockey should be properly checked for comfort and fit. Rubber cleats are recommended. **Metal cleats are prohibited.**

3. Mouth Pieces. Mouthpieces are required in field hockey. Any player wearing a mouthpiece for either practices or games should take the proper steps to ensure that it has been fit properly.

4. Shin Guards. Shin guards are required in field hockey. These should cover the area from the shoe to just below the knee.

5. Eye Protection. Eye protection goggles are required. Field Hockey or Lacrosse-style goggles are allowed and must be worn at all practices and games.

6. Jewelry. Watches, earrings, rings, and chains of any kind should not be worn while participating in practices and games.

7. Conditioning and stretching. All participants are encouraged to work on conditioning exercises at home. Stretching should be done before you begin your daily activities. This will help prevent injuries that occur from not being warmed up. It is also wise to 'get loose' and warm up prior to stretching. Stretching 'cold' muscles can also lead to injury.

8. Personal Equipment. Players choosing to use their own equipment should ensure this equipment is approved by the NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment). NOCSAE may be found on the web at <http://www.nocsae.org>

## **14. Self-Development**

Self-development is a vital component of all athletic activities. Participants are encouraged to be in top physical shape (i.e. being prepared physically to run for a length of time) prior to attending their first practice. Being in good physical shape will help to reduce the potential for injuries and should make the activity more enjoyable for the participant.

## **15. Playing Rules**

League rules have been established for each Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department League. The foundation for the Youth Field Hockey League is the National Federation of High School Field Hockey Rules. Local League rules exist in addition to these rules. Local League Rules will take precedence over any National Federation rules where a discrepancy exists. A copy of the Local League Rules may be found in the Appendix.

## **16. Conduct/Sportsmanship**

Providing a youth athletic program with the appropriate display of sportsmanship from all involved (coaches, participants, and parents) is a major concern and goal of the Recreation Department. Competition can be a healthy part of any athletic program, but the degree of competition and emphasis must be kept in proper perspective. Disagreements or complaints should be expressed through the proper channels and handled appropriately by all involved (parent, participant, coach, and staff).

Control of the playing setting is necessary to ensure the youth participants are exposed to a positive recreational atmosphere. Parents, coaches, and players should keep in mind that the program is designed for a recreational setting where the priority is not winning. Coaches and parents should provide reinforcement to all players and show support for one another. Coaches will be instructed to inform parents and players not to make negative comments toward opposing players, coaches and spectators.

All parties involved with Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department programs are subject to the Town's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct may be found in the Appendix.

## **17. Participation in Non-Department Sanctioned Activities**

Sanctioned practices, games and other activities are coordinated, scheduled and endorsed by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Departments. Activities such as non-approved team practices or games, participation in other events such as group/team attendance to a college or professional game, holiday parade, meeting at privately-owned facilities (i.e., batting cages, dance studios, etc.) may not be authorized by the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department.

While we recognize and appreciate the intention of volunteers, instructors, or parents to initiate and conduct activities to build and foster relationships beyond what is offered through the Town, please understand individuals who participate in such activities may be doing so at their own risk or with the responsibility of liability being placed on someone other than the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department.

Parents are encouraged to inquire about whether an activity is coordinated and/or endorsed by the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department prior to participation.

## **18. Upcoming Programs**

### **Select Summer Sports Camps**

Registration Begins: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 (Carrboro) & January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (All other areas)

Cost: \$60-\$105/participant/camp (fee varies with each camp)

- Basketball Camp                      Ages: 6-8; 9-11
- Baseball Camp                         Ages: 6-8; 9-12
- Tennis Camp                            Ages: 8-12; 9-13
- Taste of Sports Camp                 Ages: 6-9
- Field Hockey Camp                    Ages: 10-13
- Volleyball                                Ages: 10-13
- Ultimate Frisbee Camp                Ages: 10-13
- Fishing Camp                            Ages: 8-12
- Advanced Fishing Camp                Ages: 10-14

- Mountain Biking Camp      Ages: 11-16
- Adv. Mtn. Biking Camp      Ages: 13-17
- Kayaking Camp              Ages: 10-16

*Please check our website and brochure for other programs throughout the year.*

## **19. Program Evaluations**

Feedback from participants is a vital part of the development and improvement of our programs. Please take the time to complete and return an evaluation to the Department following completion of the program. A program evaluation is included in the Appendix.



# **APPENDIX**

## **CARRBORO YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAGUE RULES**

### **I. EQUIPMENT**

- ◆ During League games, all team members must wear the official team jersey and socks supplied by the Recreation & Parks Department.
  - ◆ Team uniforms should not be work to practices.
  - ◆ Undergarments worn by players during games must be the same color as their game jersey or white.
- ◆ **No belts, bracelets, watches, earrings or other jewelry will be allowed to be worn by team members.** EXCEPTION: Medic Alert bracelets may be worn. Hair control devices may only be worn if made of soft material.
- ◆ Mouth Guards: The Recreation & Parks Department will furnish players with mouth guards. Players may elect to wear their own mouth guards, but a colored (no clear or white) mouth guard must be worn at all times while participating in practices and games.
- ◆ Shin Guards: All players must wear shin guards while participating in practices and games. The Department has a limited number of shin guards available for checkout during the season.
- ◆ Eye Protection – All players must wear eye protection goggles in practices and games.
- ◆ Sticks: Sticks must abide by National Federation of State High School Associations Field Hockey Rules. The Department has a limited number of sticks available for checkout if players require a stick.
- ◆ Team Equipment: Goalie equipment, balls and first aid supplies will be distributed to each coach prior to the season. Goalies may wear their own gear provided that it meets NFHS Field Hockey Rules.

### **II. RULES GOVERNING PLAY**

The National Federation of State High School Associations Field Hockey Rules will govern League play. **Local League Rules** will take **precedence** over any NFHS Rule.

### **III. PLAYERS**

- ◆ Each team shall consist of not more than **seven (7)** players on the field at a given time, one of which must be the goalkeeper.

- ◆ Teams may compete with as few as five (5) players. When a team plays with either 5 or 6 players, a goalkeeper must be one of the players.

#### IV. THE PLAYING FIELD & MARKINGS

- ◆ The playing field shall measure 75 yards long X 50 yards wide.
- ◆ The 25 yard lines, striking circles, penalty stroke lines and 5 yard lines will be regulation in accordance with NFHS Rules and measured from the end lines and sidelines.

#### V. LENGTH OF PERIODS

- ◆ The game shall consist of two 25-minute halves. The clock shall only stop after a goal is scored, a time-out or at the referees' discretion.
- ◆ Half-time shall be 5 minutes.
- ◆ One, sudden-victory, overtime period of 5 minutes will be played if necessary.
- ◆ Time-Outs – Each team will receive 2, 90-second time-outs per game.

#### VI. MANDATORY PLAYING RULE

One of the main goals of this program is to ensure that each player received a positive experience while playing the sport. **Coaches are encouraged to provide as much playing opportunity as possible to each member of their team.** Development and playing experience should always prevail over winning.

All participants present will be guaranteed the opportunity to participate in a pre-determined minimal amount of minutes per game. Listed below are the guidelines that will govern the minimal amount of playing time:

Playing time is based upon the number of players present at the **start of the game.** Players arriving after the start of the game (initial hit back) are not required to meet the Mandatory Playing Status of the team.

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**All players are expected to start at least one half. The starters will not be substituted for the first ten (10) minutes of each half.**

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#### **Playing Rule Exceptions:**

- ◆ Any player who becomes sick or injured and cannot continue, or is ejected from the game is exempted from the minimal amount of playing time.
- ◆ Disciplinary action reported to and approved by the League Commissioner no later than 48 hours prior to the game.
- ◆ A coach will have the option to reduce the playing time of any player who arrives after the game has started. Late arrivals must still play, but are not required to start a half.

#### VII. ILLEGAL/INELIGIBLE SUBSTITUTIONS

- ◆ Players entering the game illegally or who are ineligible shall be removed from the game at the first dead ball with no further penalty.

#### **VIII. FOULS**

- ◆ All fouls described under RULE 8 of the NFHS Field Hockey Rules will be strictly enforced. Points of emphasis will be on rough or dangerous play.

#### **IV. PENALTY CORNERS**

- ◆ During penalty corners, a maximum of four (4) defenders (including the goalkeeper) must be completely behind the goal line. The rest of the defending team must be beyond the mid-field line.

#### **X. MISCELLANEOUS**

- ◆ Any situations not covered by the NFHS Field Hockey Rules or the Local League Rules will be left to the discretion of the Recreation & Parks Department.
- ◆ Officials & Facility/Activity Supervisors will be assigned by the Recreation & Parks Department and will have complete control of the game area, including the spectators. Coaches, parents and participants are expected to abide by all rules and guidelines set forth for by the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department.

## **CARRBORO RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT RULES OF CONDUCT**

Revised 11/88 - Adopted by Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, May 11, 1989

The following RULES OF CONDUCT are sportsmanship guidelines utilized to maintain a positive atmosphere in recreational athletics sponsored by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department. These rules will be applied to all sports/athletic programs in all age groups. Each registered team will be provided with this information and it is the responsibility of the team manager/coach to inform his/her participants. Ignorance of these rules will not be considered as an acceptable excuse for violations.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The RULES OF CONDUCT will be in effect before, during and after each game/match/practice beginning with departmental sponsored pre-season practices and continuing through the conclusion of league/tournament play. All athletic special events will be governed by these rules. These guidelines will apply to all events conducted by the department regardless of whether these events are on city owned property or rental facilities.
- Each league in each sport will have league rules to meet requirements of that particular sport. These league rules will not be considered separate from the RULES OF CONDUCT and violations of league rules can result in suspension.
- Team(s) and/or individuals suspended, as a result of infractions of the RULES OF CONDUCT will not be given refunds for team or individual fees.
- Participant - Any of the following: player, coach or assistant coach, spectator, team, team follower or an official.
- Official - Any of the following: umpire, referee, supervisor, scorekeeper, or any other Recreation and Parks Department staff person.
- Any departmental official has the authority to eject a participant from a Recreation and Parks Department event or property.
- Participants ejected from a game/match/practice must leave the facility in an expedient manner (2 minutes and less is considered expedient). Failure to do so will result in a forfeited ball game.

- Repeated violations by team(s) or individuals will result in more severe penalties being applied.
- Violations of the RULES OF CONDUCT at the conclusion of seasonal play may result in a penalty application in succeeding programs and/or seasons.
- Penalties applied for any situation or circumstance not specifically covered in these RULES OF CONDUCT will be left to the discretion of the Recreation Administrator.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. All participants must abide by an official’s decision.
2. All participants must refrain from all objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official’s decision (i.e. kicking or throwing a ball, bat or equipment, speaking loudly to an official, making any gesture toward an official, etc.)
3. During the course of a game/match, only one coach or one captain per team will be allowed to discuss decisions reached by an official with that official.
4. All participants must refrain from using unnecessary roughness against the body and person of an opposing player during the course of play.
5. All participants must refrain from using profane, obscene, or vulgar language.
6. Taunting, mocking, and/or harassment of participants or officials will not be allowed.

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The participant will be ejected from the game/match and subject to the possible suspension of one (minimum) to three (maximum) games.

The length of the suspension will depend largely on: The action that warranted the ejection and the action displayed after the ejection occurred.

7. Profane, obscene, or vulgar language used maliciously towards another participant, or official will not be allowed.
8. Verbal abuse and/or harassment of participants or officials will not be allowed.
9. Participants must refrain from pushing, shoving, striking, laying a hand on, or threatening any of these actions to another participant or official.
10. The drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will not be allowed at Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department events or property.

11. Participants must refrain from any form of physical attack as an aggressor upon another participant or official.
12. Firearms, knives, or other weapons are not allowed at Carrboro Parks and Recreation Department's events or property.

-----\*\*PENALTY\*\*-----

The participant will be ejected from the game/match and suspended for the remainder of the season, or if circumstances warrant, be suspended from any further competitive programs offered by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department. For violations of the above laws, legal authorities will be contacted.

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APPLICATION OF THE RULES OF CONDUCT

- Upon receipt of a written report describing a violation, the Athletic Program Supervisor or designee will investigate the report and will in turn apply the appropriate penalty in compliance with the RULES OF CONDUCT.
- The violator will be mailed a form letter describing the violation and appropriate penalty. Additional copies of this letter will be issued to the team coach/manager, league supervisor, officials, etc. as needed. Parent/guardian will be mailed this letter for youth violators.
- Penalties will begin immediately following the determination/notification of the penalty.
- Participants suspended from a program are suspended from attending any game/match (same program) sponsored by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department during the period of suspension. Same program is defined by major program category such as youth athletic programs, adult softball, etc. For example, a parent suspended because of actions at a pee wee baseball game would be allowed to participate in adult softball, but could not attend a mite baseball game or any other program in the youth athletic league for the duration of the suspension.

APPEAL OF SUSPENSIONS

A formal appeal process is available for those desiring a review of any sanctions issued.

