

Zero Tolerance Policy

The White County Parks & Recreation Zero Tolerance Policy was implemented with the purpose of upholding a healthy and enjoyable environment for the entire community of White County, and the participants in the programs of White County Parks & Recreation Department. Any amendments to this policy will be solely at the Director's discretion.

- A. Players, managers, spectators or coaches ejected from a game will not be allowed to attend/play at the next game. If a manager/coach is ejected, he/she will be on probation for one (1) entire year, not a season.
- B. Players, managers, and spectators or coaches guilty of fighting, pushing, striking, or other physical contact against other players, managers, spectators, coaches, referees, staff, county commissioners or officials, or any other people before, during, or after games shall receive a minimum of 6 months' suspension up to one (1) year. No form of fighting will be tolerated; claims of "self-defense" are not accepted.
- C. Players, managers, spectators or coaches guilty of using profanity or other aggressive language either by word or sign against other players, managers, spectators, coaches, referees, staff, county commissioners or officials, or any other people before, during, or after games shall be suspended from the current game (must leave the property immediately), and for the next game.
- D. Players, managers, spectators or coaches guilty of making threatening gestures either by word or sign against other players, managers, spectators, coaches, referees, staff, county commissioners or officials, or any other people before, during, or after games shall be suspended from the current game (must leave the property immediately), and for the next 2 games.
- E. Violators of A, B, C, or D must leave the property entirely without any visual contact with their team for the entire suspension. Violators will be on probation for one (1) year from the date of the incident, and any subsequent violation will result in a suspension from participation in any White County Parks & Recreation program for five (5) years. After the suspension has been served, the violator may request a hearing for reinstatement.
- F. Positive cheering by players, coaches, and spectators is encouraged at all competitions and practices. Any negative cheering/hollering may result in a warning and/or removal from the site, whether it is for or against your team. No artificial noise makers shall be permitted in the dugouts, bleachers, seats, and standing areas around the perimeter of the playing field or court during any youth sports programs.
- G. Any coach or spectator who runs onto the court/field during a contest, incites his/her fans or parents to become disorderly during a contest, or makes any action that is not within the sportsmanship of the game will be subject to game(s) suspension and one (1) year probation.
- H. No use of alcohol or drugs is allowed on/at White County Parks & Recreation Department property/events.
- I. Use of tobacco products on and around fields and gyms is not allowed.

To appeal any disciplinary action, correspondence must be made in writing to the White County Parks and Recreation Department within 24 hours of ruling. All appeals will be reviewed by the White County Parks & Recreation Director or Assistant Director to determine further action.