



FLATHEAD COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of Flathead County adult recreation programs is to provide members of the community with the opportunity to pursue the many benefits of competitive sports in a family-friendly environment. Recreation programs are intended to provide a safe and fun environment for all participants, volunteers, spectators, and County employees. Good sportsmanship is expected and must be maintained at all times. All teams and individuals must show respect to other participants, officials, volunteers, spectators, and staff members. Facilities, fields, and equipment must be respected. Participants are expected to follow all Flathead County Parks and Recreation rules and regulations, facility rules, and this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is applicable to every recreation participant.

No participant shall:

- A. At any time, lay hand upon, push, shove, strike, threaten to strike, verbally or physically intimidate an official, employee, participant, or any other individual.
- B. Endanger the safety of any individual.
- C. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
- D. Verbally abuse any individual. Verbal abuse includes extreme or obscene language, taunts, threats, racial and sexual comments.
- E. Use unnecessary rough tactics during any game.
- F. Argue umpire/official judgment calls.
- G. Consume alcohol, tobacco, or drugs in dugouts, in gyms, or on playing fields.
- H. Play music with offensive language. Music with sexual, criminal, drug-related themes is prohibited.
- I. Play under another individual's name, falsify name, falsify signature, or otherwise falsify an official roster. All players must complete the roster prior to participation or be subject to game forfeiture or disqualification.

Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in penalties including but not limited to warning by official or Flathead County employee, park ordinance fines, ejection, suspension, and/or expulsion from Flathead County recreation leagues and activities. Any individual ejected from a game must leave the recreation facility, which includes the parking lot, (out of sight & out of sound) immediately. Failure to do so may result in further suspension and forfeiture of game. In the event of a removal/ejection, the individual ejected may not return to the facility for the remainder of the day.

All participants are governed by the rules included herein, Flathead County Park rules and regulations, facility rules, and league rules before, during and after games. Participants may be held liable for damages caused by negligent or intentional acts. Team managers/captains are ultimately responsible for the conduct of their teammates and spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruption from teammates or spectators may result in forfeiture to the opposing team.

Flathead County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to suspend or permanently remove a participant or team from its programs for any violation of the Code of Conduct. Each situation will be evaluated on its own merit. Flathead County is committed to making its leagues and recreation activities the best they can be for all participants, and particular attention will be made to player conduct.