



City of Covington Parks and Recreation Athletics Program

CODE OF CONDUCT

The City of Covington Parks and Recreation Athletics Program strives to provide high quality sports programs and is dependent on participants, officials, spectators, and Covington Athletics staff to all work together to create an environment that is conducive to the recreation and enjoyment of all participants. With this end in mind, the following rules of conduct while participating in Covington Athletics Programs have been established.

This Code of Conduct was instituted to direct the general behavior of all participants at any time during their participation in Covington Athletics Programs. Additional rules and guidelines specific to an individual program or sport may be established and enforced by Covington Athletics and must be adhered to in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct. Additionally, all Covington Athletics participants, officials, and spectators are expected to comply with all applicable City of Covington park ordinances and rules. By signing the registration form or team roster all players, coaches, and managers attest that they have read and understand this Athletic Code of Conduct and further agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR	PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR
Sportsmanlike conduct by players towards the opposition, officials, spectators, and Covington Athletics staff is mandatory. Conduct yourself in a manner that is respectful to all.	Derogatory or unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to, the use of profanity or demeaning language, intimidation, taunting, teasing and/or ridiculing or any other abusive and/or harassing language or behavior towards players, coaches, managers, teams, spectators, officials, or Covington Athletics staff.
Follow all established and posted rules, written and/or verbal rules specific to the athletic program, and any direction or requests from officials and/or Covington Athletics staff.	Engaging in disruptive and/or disorderly behavior or conduct that endangers one’s self or others and/or damages or defaces Covington Athletics or facility property.
Respect all Covington Athletics and facility property, as well as the property of other participants.	Smoking or using tobacco (in any form) in any area of the facility or premises on which a Covington Athletics Program is being held.
Limit active play to only those areas designated for it.	Using drugs, alcohol, or any other intoxicating substance while at the facility or premises on which a Covington Athletics Program is being held or being under the influence of such substances.

The City’s Athletic Specialist, or authorized designee, shall have the authority to administer immediate disciplinary action to individual players, coaches, managers, spectators, and officials for violations of this Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to: suspension and/or removal; forfeiture of game(s); and/or expulsion of teams, coaches, or managers from Covington Athletics Programs for up to one (1) year. The severity of the violation and/or the frequency of occurrence will determine the appropriate course of action. Some Code of Conduct violations may also subject the violator to criminal prosecution in addition to any sanctions administered by the City.

Any and all situations not specifically covered in this Code of Conduct and that require disciplinary action shall be acted upon by Covington Athletic Staff, or their authorized designee, and all such actions shall become part of this Code of Conduct.

An individual receiving disciplinary action pursuant to this Code of Conduct must abide by the decision at the time of enforcement. Said individual may submit, no later than 24 hours after the incident, a protest, in written form (email ok), to the City’s Athletic Specialist. All decisions by the City on appeal are final.