

Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department



Zero Tolerance Policy

Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Sportsmanship and Conduct Policy:

Positive cheering by players, coaches and spectators is encouraged. Any negative cheering/yelling may result in a warning or removal from the site, whether it is for or against your team.

In addition, negative comments to or about officials/referees may also result in a warning or ejection.

Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a park event will receive a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine. This penalty must be served before returning to a park sponsored event.

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This policy is implemented for the purpose of upholding a safe, healthy and enjoyable recreation environment for all the citizens of Lumpkin County, our visitors, and most of all our youth.

Players, coaches, parents or any spectator ejected from a park sponsored event will be placed on probation for one year and receive a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine. Depending on the severity of the ejection, coaches and players may be banned from participating in park activities for a period of time to be determined by the recreation board of Lumpkin County.

Anyone using profanity, either by word or gesture, towards players, coaches, spectators, officials or staff before, during or after a park sponsored event shall receive a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine.

Anyone guilty of making gestures, considered to be threatening, towards players, coaches, spectators, officials, staff, or any visitor will receive a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine.

Anyone guilty of fighting, pushing, striking or other negative physical contact, while on park property, will be ejected from the premises. Incidents occurring before, during, after or related to sporting events will constitute a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine. In addition, depending on the severity of the incident, persons involved may receive additional suspensions, probation, fines and penalties upon review by the recreation board.

Any behavior by a coach, players, spectator or visitor which serves to incite others to become disorderly will constitute a 2 game suspension and a \$50.00 fine.

Absolutely no use of drugs or alcohol will be tolerated while on park property. Use of tobacco products is restricted to designated smoking areas and will not be allowed in dugouts, playing areas, bleachers, or within 100ft of athletic fields.

Violations of the above policy will be handled in accordance with penalties set forth. However, Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department and the Lumpkin County Recreation Advisory Board reserve the right to impose penalties greater than those outlined if a situation dictates, based on severity. We further reserve the right to suspend coaching, player and spectator privileges where appropriate.

Appeals may be filed, in writing, with Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department athletic or administrative staff. Hearings will be conducted at the next Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board meeting.