



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS & GUESTS

PURPOSE

Frederick County Parks & Recreation (FCPR) activities are made available for youth and adults to enjoy participating in an environment of camaraderie and sportsmanship. FCPR supports the belief that all recreational experiences should be positive and safe with sportsmanship and enjoyment the primary goal. FCPR is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all participants and guests. To promote safety and enjoyment for all, FCPR asks individuals to act appropriately at all times while they are visiting our facilities or participating in our activities. Participants and spectators must be held accountable for their behavior and zero tolerance given for intentional violation(s) of this Code of Conduct.

EXPECTATIONS & REGULATIONS

1. Treat all parties involved with dignity and respect.
2. Recognize FCPR programming as a privilege that can be retracted for the greater good.
3. Use appropriate language, tones and volume when communicating. Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name calling or shouting is prohibited.
4. Become knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all established guidelines, rules, policies and procedures applicable to the related activity.
5. Aggressive behavior, verbal or physical intimidation/abuse, and violence are prohibited. Physical contact with another person in a threatening way is prohibited. Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or menacing behavior is prohibited.
6. Theft, vandalism or behavior that results in the damage/destruction of property is prohibited.
7. Carrying or concealing any weapons, devices or objects that may or could be used as a weapon is prohibited.
8. Using or possessing illegal chemicals/substances on FCP&R property, or at FCPR-sponsored activities.
9. Alcohol/Tobacco products are strictly prohibited on FCPS school property.
10. Inappropriate, threatening or offensive displays/conduct is prohibited.

Participants and guests are encouraged to be responsible for their personal comfort and safety. If a member or guest ever feels uncomfortable with a negative action of another individual, they should report the behavior to FCPR staff. Participants and guests should not hesitate to notify a staff person if assistance is needed.

PROCEDURES

When an incident occurs at an FCPR activity/facility, FCPR officials have the authority to institute immediate suspensions. FCPR officials will offer to escort the offending individual(s) from the activity/facility. If the offending individual(s) refuses to leave the premises, local law enforcement will be contacted immediately.

It is FCPR's desire that situations never warrant the removal of an individual from any activity or facility. However, it is our obligation to maintain a controlled, safe and healthy atmosphere for everyone. Recreational activities are designed to foster qualities such as character building, social interaction, enjoyment and relaxation while educating the general public and promoting healthy lifestyles.