



Tri-County Board of Directors for Youth Sports

The Directors of the Tri-County Board for Youth Sports will continue to follow a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the pre-season, regular season, and post-season, which shall include but not be limited to the following practices, games, jamborees, homecomings, opening day ceremonies, all-stars, tournaments, and any other league sponsored event(s).

Spectator Parent Conduct

All parents/spectators should remember that their actions at games and/or practices reflect directly on the children.

Tobacco products should be refrained from being used in the presence of the kids. Several city recreation departments are considering adopting the Pickens County School Board policies on tobacco-free facilities. You will be notified at the games if this issue has been implemented, and you ask that you honor it.

Rules ALL Parents, Spectators, and Coaches Need to Abide By:

1. IF A PARENT OR COACH IS EJECTED FOR UNRULY BEHAVIOR, THE PLAYER MUST LEAVE ALSO. Ejected persons must leave the facility grounds immediately!
2. Over the years, it has been harder and harder for departments to find quality high school officials due to fans badgering and belittling officials without intervention by recreation departments. The Tri-County Board has addressed this with the following: No fan or spectator may in any way harass or criticize officials before, during, or after a ballgame. Fans that are observed doing this will be given one warning. For continued problems, the fan will be asked to leave the facility grounds/or removed by local law enforcement.
3. All facilities located in the Tri-County Football League are under police/sheriff’s department jurisdiction; therefore, unruly fans can be in violation of the state code for disorderly conduct. Law enforcement has full authority over all public facilities/grounds. State Code: 16-17-530.
4. Anyone entering public facilities/grounds under the influence of alcohol is subject to removal and/or arrest under State Code: 16-17-530.
5. Municipal facilities fall under state, county, or municipal litter laws, so please place any and all trash in the receptacles. State Code: 16-11-700.

6. Foul Language will not be allowed at any sporting events or public grounds/facilities. State Code: 16-17-530
 7. Spectators/Parents are not allowed on the sidelines or field before, during, or after ballgames except in a medical emergency.
 8. Due to privacy laws, at no time can any parent/spectator ask to see Birth Certificates, etc. A coach may request the “certified roster,” where the player’s birth certificates are checked. Only on-site representatives may review Birth Certificates for players not certified.
 9. The Tri-county Board of Directors for Youth Sports recognizes the importance of the Internet in shaping the public’s perception. The board of Directors also recognizes the importance of our volunteers, employees, and parents in leading and setting the tone of social media interactions. Personally identifiable information (such as a name and date of birth and/or a street address which, when taken together, can identify a particular individual) should not be disclosed in any manner on any social networking site without the approval of the recreation department directors, coaches, officials and/or parents/guardians.
 10. Since most municipalities have ordinances concerning the discharge of air horns, etc., and artificial noisemaking devices are disruptive to not only the player but fellow spectators, all artificial noisemaking devices such as air horns, megaphones, cowbells, etc., will not be tolerated at any game and violator is subject to removal.
 11. Drones will not be allowed in any facility during practices, games, jamborees, or tournaments for safety concerns, except for emergency responders (Police and Fire departments).
- Violators of any of the above may be fined up to \$100.00 or up to 30 days in jail, except for littering – punishable by up to \$300.00 or 30 days in jail.

Ignorance of state and county laws or municipal ordinances is no excuse for inappropriate behavior.

Please be respectful of others and set forth examples we want our children to follow.

Thank you!

Signature

Date