



SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Recreation Department is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play at all activities, leagues, and events. Behavior and conduct of players, coaches or participants that does not promote the best values of athletic competition will not be tolerated. We set and expect acceptable standards of good citizenship and propriety in all athletic events because the conduct of our players, coaches, faculty, parents and spectators reflects on the Poarch Creek Recreation Department. Conduct that is detrimental to the moral values of athletics and activities may be deemed just cause for reprimand, probation, suspension, or removal from athletic events and activities associated with Poarch Creek Recreations.

Violations of the Sportsmanship Policy are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- First violation of **Tier I conduct**: reprimand or 6 mos probation
- Second violation of **Tier I conduct** in a 6 mos period: 1 year probation
- First violation of **Tier II conduct**: removal from the current event and 1 year probation
- Second violation of **Tier II conduct** within a 6 mos period: may result in banning from future events

Recreations Director reserves the right to ban a parent/spectator/player/coach for repeated violations of Tier II Conduct.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Sportsmanship Policy of the Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department. Furthermore, I accept the terms of this policy as a participant in tribally sponsored events, activities and leagues.

Violations and disciplinary actions may be appealed to the Recreations Director. If further appeal is necessary, the matter may be presented to the Grievance Board.

Signature _____
Printed Name: _____

_____ Date

Parent/Spectator Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the parent/spectator to:

1. Keep cheering positive. No profanity or degrading language or gestures.
2. Avoid actions which offend visiting or opposing teams.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learning the rules of the game in order to be a better-informed spectator.
5. Treat all visiting teams with respect.
6. Accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
7. Be good role models for athletes and participants.

Tier I Conduct	Tier II Conduct
Actions that highly offend visiting or opposing teams or individual players	Using profanity or degrading language/gestures
Arguing with or confronting coaches and officials	Displaying negative behavior / being a poor role model

Participant/Player Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the participant/player to:

1. Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.
2. Remember that participation in tribally sponsored events and activities is a privilege, not a right.
3. Respect opponents.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
5. Remember that improper behavior reflects poorly upon you, your family, the Tribe and community.
6. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

Tier I Conduct	Tier II Conduct
Disrespecting teammates	Disrespecting coaches or officials
Disrespecting opponents	Using profanity or degrading gestures

Coaches/Event Coordinators Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the coach/event coordinator to:

1. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
3. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not a life and death situation.
4. Refrain from the use of profanity or degrading language with players, opponents, officials and spectators.
5. Avoid behavior that will provoke players, opponents or spectators.
6. Recognize that the participants are young men and women with frailties and limitations who are capable of making mistakes.
7. Instruct the participants in the elements of good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.

Tier I Conduct	Tier II Conduct
Arguing with or confronting officials	Displaying negative behavior / being a poor role model
Provoking negative behavior from players/spectators	Using profanity or degrading language/gestures
Failure to remove a player for unsportsmanlike conduct	