



# **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK**

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The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department has conducted competitive athletic events for the residents of Davidson County since 1973. As a professional recreation organization, we have recognized the need for athletic events to be supported and operated under a standardized set of rules and regulations. The rules and regulations give the athletic programs structure and balance. They afford the residents of Davidson County a fair and equal working relationship between all booster clubs. With a professional staff implementing a standardized set of rules and regulations each participant, regardless of where they live or the size of their booster club, will have the same wholesome climate for all athletic events

Competitive events are accepted as beneficial only when the welfare of the participant is the first consideration. Each one must be recognized as an individual with their own ability levels and limitations. Consideration must be given to the physical, mental, emotional, and social attitudes of each. Recreation programs must insure wholesome development of all.

The Davidson County Recreation Department, through its athletic programming, has always promoted these aims and goals. We have called on each district, each league, each booster club, each team, each coach, each parent, each spectator, and each participant to observe the rules, help raise the standards, and in all ways help provide a wholesome climate for athletic events.

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. Organization

A. The principle components in the organization and administration of the athletic activities supported by Davidson County are:

1. Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department and its representatives (i.e. Recreation Director, Athletic Program Manager, field supervisors, etc.).

a. The Sports Advisory Committee will advise the Recreation Commission on local booster club concerns and recommendations for the Athletic programs. The Committee consists of 15 members; one from each booster club. The group will elect the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. The Sports Advisory Committee operates under the following guidelines:

1. The Sports Advisory Committee will meet after each open meeting, with the Parks and Recreation Staff.
2. Recommendations from local booster clubs must be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission by their Sports Advisory Committee representative.
3. Each individual representative will be responsible for helping implement the Rules and Regulations in their area.
4. The Sports Advisory Committee must have a consensus of 75% of the quorum to make recommendations to the Recreation Commission.
5. Representatives serve for unlimited term. Booster clubs are responsible for their representation. Each booster club should have a primary and secondary member.

2. Parks and Recreation Commission (County-Wide Representation)

3. Boosters Club

4. Coaches

5. Participants

6. Spectators

B. Each Component will have duties and responsibilities pursuant to its level of authority and purpose.

C. Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department will have full supervisory authority over county supported programs and reserves the right to take action it feels necessary to insure a quality program for all participants.

- D. The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for:
1. Overall administration of countywide policy.
  2. Implementation and evaluation of the standardized rules and regulations established by the Parks and Recreation Commission upon recommendation of the Sports Advisory Committee.
  3. Scheduling games in cooperation with locally owned and school owned facilities so as not to duplicate or over schedule a particular site.
  4. Supplying necessary trained and qualified officials.
  5. Contracting for basic maintenance of playing facilities (dragging and lining the ballfields).
  6. Paying a light fee and site rental fees made necessary by participation in the county supported program.
  7. Provide a field or gym supervisor who will be the Parks and Recreation Department's official representative (in addition to umpires, referees).
  8. Provide scorekeepers and timekeepers (for those sports they are needed).
  9. Check online registration and birth certificates to insure proper eligibility.
  10. To help get the word out about registration Davidson County Parks and Recreation will communicate to the following to ensure the availability of a sport is circulated through the county:
    - A: Will post sport start dates on their website
    - B: Will post sport start dates on their bulletin board scroller
    - C: Will post sport start dates on their RSS feed
    - D: Will email parents about posting of sport start dates
    - E: Will notify schools of sport start dates
    - F: Will notify booster clubs of sport start dates
  11. Initiate policy, which will enable the Parks and Recreation Department to fulfill the above responsibilities.

E. The Parks and Recreation Commission will work toward the overall development of Parks and Recreation for Davidson County. The Commission will have fourteen members appointed by the County Commissioners. The group will elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. A representative to serve on the Sports Advisory Committee will be elected by the group. The Parks and Recreation Commission operates under the following guidelines:

1. **The Commission will meet bi-monthly. Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.**
2. Commission representatives will work towards the improvement of county parks and recreation programs.
3. They will adopt rules and regulations as they relate to each sports season and follow as closely as possible, the National Federation of State High School associations, especially adhering to the North Carolina High School Athletics Association.

F. The individual Booster Clubs are responsible for:

1. The recruitment, selection, supervision, and evaluation of coaches for the individual teams they sponsor.
2. Making sure all participants are eligible to participate according to their age and where they live.
  - a. **Booster Clubs will register all participants using the online registration and submitting birth certificates electronically to the Parks and Recreation Department. Booster Clubs will be responsible for entering all late registrations.**
  - b. **County will not collect monies for booster club. They are responsible for collecting monies themselves.**
  - c. **No paperwork will be accepted. All registration MUST be done online.**
3. Assuring each local participant, a fair and equal opportunity to play, no one will be turned away because of a lack of skill.
4. Physical requirements the Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department does not provide such as uniforms, bats, helmets, score pads, practice equipment, etc.
5. Helping implement the Rules and Regulations throughout the teams they sponsor, so as to inform, coaches, spectators and participants of its value and impact on the local program.
6. Notifying the Parks and Recreation Department of dates and times of player drafts and Booster Club meetings in which the Parks and Recreation Department would need to have input.

G. The individual coaches are responsible for:

1. Teaching the main values of athletic activities:
  - a. Sportsmanship
  - b. Fellowship and Teamwork
  - c. Understanding of Rules and Strategy
  - d. Skills

2. The on field conduct of participants of his/her team.
3. Presenting the image of one interested in youth development, displaying impeccable character as an example to youth.
4. Being knowledgeable of all applicable Rules and Regulations.
5. Turning in rosters to the appropriate source (i.e. Recreation Department or Booster Club).
6. The coaches' responsibilities do not include:
  - a. Attempts to officiate or help officiate an athletic activity.
  - b. Setting or changing Rules and Regulations of the athletic program.
  - c. Scheduling or re-scheduling of any events.
  - d. Manipulating circumstances, events, or Rules and Regulations to gain an unfair advantage through which intent of the program is altered or hindered.

H. The participants will be responsible for:

1. Participating in the athletic activity for the value of the activity itself; not primarily for winning or losing.
2. Adhering to the ideas of sportsmanship, fellowship and fair play.
3. Being eligible for the particular athletic program that they choose to participate in.
4. Their physiological condition in regard to their health as a measure of whether they can participate in an athletic program.
5. Carrying individual accident insurance.
6. Each participant's parents must register them using the online registration and submitting a birth certificate electronically. No paperwork will be accepted. Parents not having access to electronic registration will need to get in contact with their booster club to register. County will not accept payment for booster clubs online.
7. Each participant must pay \$10.00 participation fee for each sport they play.

## ELIGIBILITY

The goal of the General Rules and Regulations for eligibility in the athletic programs is maximum participation and to create equal opportunities for each participant in Davidson County. Regardless of which community one resides, the standardized rules, procedures, and organization will endeavor to create quality programs equaled to and offered in any other community in the county. Each Davidson County resident is eligible and urged to participate in the appropriate athletic program of their choosing.

### Participation

Davidson County is divided into 15 public elementary school districts. These districts will serve as boundaries with **one (1)** Booster Club being recognized from each district. The districts are:

Arcadia	Friendship	Reeds
Brier Creek	Hasty	Southwood
Churchland	Tyro	South Davidson
Davis Townsend	Midway	Wallburg
Fairgrove	Pilot	Welcome

**Lexington (Football Only)**

**Thomasville (Football and Baseball Only)**

#### 1. County Residents:

The following criteria will be used to determine with which of the 15 booster clubs a youth should participate.

When entering the Davidson County Park and Recreation program, each youth has a choice to participate with the Booster club that represents the public elementary school district in which he/she lives or if the child attends a different public elementary school, he/she may participate with the booster club of that district. Once a child's booster club is determined, his/her eligibility would change only if there is a change in the following:

\* WHERE HE/SHE LIVES      OR      \* WHICH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HE/SHE ATTENDS

NOTE: the domicile of their legal guardian (with whom the child lives) living in Davidson County will determine a youth's resident status.

Elementary school District is the standard graduation of elementary to middle to high school all within the same district.

It is the responsibility of each local booster club to verify both the school attendance/residency requirements and the parent/guardian signature on this form. The Davidson County Recreation Department reserves the right to review any registration forms and declares ineligible any participant who has given false information.

Note: A Parent/Guardian may request a Participation Transfer Request to participate from one Booster Club to another Booster Club all within the same high school district. The transfer is for one year only.

2. Out of County Residents:

Out of County youth will be allowed to participate in Davidson County Parks and Recreation youth programming with following guidelines.

- A) They must choose a booster within the county.
- B) Once they start an athletic event must participate with that booster club for their entire eligibility in that athletic event.
- C) Once a child's eligibility is up in athletic event, he/she may move to another booster club.
- D) All outside county participants must pay a \$55.00 non-resident fee plus \$10.00 participation fee. Plus the Booster Club Fee.

It is the responsibility of each booster club to verify both the school attendance/residency requirements and the parent/ guardian signature on this form. This can be verified through driver's license, utility bill, or tax bill. The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to review any registration forms and declares ineligible any participant who has given false information.

3. Athletic Appeal Process:

Must be made in writing to County Athletic Coordinator within three days of assignment of consequence.

- Parents/guardians, and affected booster club president or coaches have the right to be present at appeal.
- Based on review of the appeal, the Athletic Coordinator (for athletics) will adjust, revoke, or sustain the action.
- The athlete is not eligible to participate in competition or activity during the appeal process.
- In cases where action was taken directly by the Athletic Program Manager where dissatisfaction exists with the results of the appeal hearing, a secondary appeal may be made, within three (3) days of the conclusion of the first appeal, in writing to the Parks and Recreation Director. The second appeal will be held by a 3 person panel made up of Parks and Recreation Commission members must be held within three (3) days of receipt of the appeal. This is the final level of appeals.
- The athlete and/or parent/guardian will be notified of the results of the secondary appeal within 24 hours. This decision is final.

- 4. Once a child has started in an age division in a sport, he/she may finish their eligible in that age group with the booster club they are participating with. Unless transfer form has been accepted.

- 5. Residents of Lexington City and Thomasville City are urged to participate with their respective Recreation Departments. If these departments do not offer a program, then they, the departments, could sponsor a team or teams in the county program by using the same guidelines that all county Booster Clubs are required to use.

In all programs, age verification is a necessity. The responsibility for making sure each player is eligible for any program lies first with the Booster Club, secondly with the coach, and lastly with the Recreation Department. At the time of Booster Club sign-ups, it is their responsibility to make sure that all players are eligible according to the age eligibility guidelines. Then the Booster Clubs and coaches turn in rosters along with copies of the birth certificates to the Recreation Department.

Before each sport, all participants must have a Youth Sports Registration Form filled out by their parent or guardian. The forms are available through the participant's Booster Club. Participants can not be placed on a team until the Booster Club has a completed registration form and a copy of the birth certificate.

**Penalty:**

**In all programs the penalty for ineligible player, either by age or resident status, will be forfeiture of the game or games they participated in.**

## LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY

The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department will act as the organizational and administrative agency for county supported recreation programs. The aim, in all levels of league play in each sport, is maximum participation. The Parks and Recreation Department seeks to provide recreational outlets for each individual who expresses a desire to participate. The organizational umbrella can expand to accomplish these aims. Cooperation between all the components heretofore mentioned is vital to the success of the County Recreation program.

The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department, prior to each athletic program, will hold an open meeting to give any Booster Club officers, coaches, or parents a chance to voice their concerns about the rules and regulations for that particular sport. This information is then presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. At this time, Rules and Regulations are adopted for that particular playing season.

Upon confirmation of the number of teams to participate, the Parks and Recreation Department will issue schedules and play will begin. The Recreation Department's policy on scheduling is as follows:

The Recreation Department will not re-schedule any game unless the postponement of the game is attributed to:

1. Weather
2. Availability of a playing site.
3. A team not having enough players because of a school game or function.

Once a schedule is issued, teams are required to play on the date and time scheduled or subject themselves to forfeiture.

The Parks and Recreation Department will hold a county wide playoff tournament after each regular season. Tournament play is based on the number of teams in each division. Divisions with seven or less teams the top 2 teams will advance to the playoffs. Divisions with eight or more teams the top 3 teams advance to the playoffs.

If there is only one division of an age group the number of teams advancing to the tournament will be decided based on the total number of teams in the division.

Teams will be seeded based on their regular season records. All ties in league standings will be broken by using the Tournament Policy and Procedure Manual.

## Appendix A

### Booster Club Organization and Responsibility

The local Booster Club is the common denominator for youth sports in Davidson County. It is imperative that the club is a strong, innovative, and harmonious organization. From this organization must come team sponsorship, practice availability, responsible coaches, concession crews, and many times furnishing the playing facility as well. The most important task is the one of assuring each local participant a fair and equal opportunity to play. No one should be turned away because of a lack of skill. The Davidson County Recreation Department athletic programs are to be recreational; not a semi-professional training ground for future star athletes. Quality of a recreation program is not judged on the cumulative performance statistics of the participants; rather, it is judged by the subjective appraisals of the coaches' attitudes, coaches' ability to relay the goals of the program to the participants, participants enjoyment and comprehension of the program's objectives, and the quantitative estimate of how participants were able to benefit from being a part of the athletic activity.

The second most important task of the Booster Club is coach recruitment and selection. The coach can and will make the greatest impression on the participant. The Recreation Department urges that attitude and the ability to relay the goals of the program be the highest criteria for selecting coaches. The recreation Department urges all Booster Clubs to enthusiastically support and congratulate the many fine coaches that are in the program now, and encourage them to continue their good work.

The Booster Club takes on a terrific financial burden when it agrees to furnish uniforms, practice balls, and other necessary equipment for teams to play. Some clubs finance this burden by operating concessions while others solicit outside groups and businesses to sponsor teams. Outside sponsorship is a tremendous avenue for meeting the financial burdens with mutual benefits involved, but outside sponsors are limited to supplying the physical needs of a team only.

No discussion of inter-organizational Booster Club structure will be made because the function, not the structure, is of importance to the recreation program.

## **Appendix B Coaches' Background Checks**

All head coaches and assistant coaches will be required to fill-out a volunteer coaches' form and background check form. All coaches' must pass the background check before they will be allowed to coach in the program.

Anyone not having a background check performed will not be allowed to coach in the Davidson County Parks and Recreation Athletic programs.

These background checks are for the safety of the children that participant in our program, not as a way to prevent someone from coaching.

Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department  
555-D West Center Street Extension, Lexington, NC 27295  
Phone: (336) 242-2285 Fax: (336) 236-7530

Criminal Background Check

A criminal records check will be conducted on all potential volunteer coaches that participate with the Davidson County Recreation and Parks Department. Records checks will occur once in a 365 day period. Please allow up to 5 days for the record check to take place. Applicants will not be allowed to coach in any way until the application process is complete and the coaching selections are approved by the Recreation and Parks Director.

Applicants will be disqualified from volunteering as a youth sport coach for Davidson County Recreation and Parks if they were ever convicted of the following (no time limit):

- a) Any crimes against children
- b) Any conviction involving violence.
- c) Any sexual offense.

In the event charges are brought against the applicant during the coaching period, the applicant shall be suspended from serving until such time as the charges have been cleared or dropped and he/she is reinstated.

In addition, applicants may be disqualified if they have been convicted of the following:

- a) Any felony conviction.
- b) Any drug related conviction.
- c) More than one alcohol related conviction.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

(Please print or type, must be able to read or background check will be returned)

Booster Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name- as name appears on Drivers License)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have lived outside of the state of North Carolina within the last 10 years, please list previous addresses: (If additional space is needed, please use back of form)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

As an applicant, to be a volunteer coach for Davidson County Recreation and Parks, I hereby authorize Davidson County Recreation and Parks to conduct a criminal records and background check. I understand that the disclosure of a record may result in automatic disqualification from coaching. Moreover, I hereby release Davidson County Recreation and Parks from any civil or criminal liability whatsoever for seeking the requested information and for evaluating such information as it relates to my volunteer coaching application with Davidson County. I understand the information received will be treated in a confidential manner. I agree to notify Davidson County Recreation and Parks in the event charges are brought against me during my coaching tenure. I also understand that approval of a background check does not imply that my coaching application will be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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This Applicant has been: Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recreation Director Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department  
555-D West Center Street Extension  
Lexington, NC 27293  
Phone: (336) 242-2286 Fax: (336) 236-7530

Volunteer Coach Application  
(Please print or type, must be a to read or application will be returned)

Booster Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ (As appears on  
Driver License)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered for the Davidson County Recreation and Park Department before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted as an adult for a violation of the law? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain  
in detail:

Coaching Preference

(Check All That Apply)

Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Sports:

FOOTBALL	SOCCER	BASKETBALL	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	Volleyball
0 Pee wee	06U	0Instructional	0 6U	0 6U	0 Little League
0 Little League	08U	0Little League	0 8U	0 8U	0 Junior League
	010U	0Junior	0 10U	0 10U	
	012U	0Senior	0 12U	0 12U	
	014U		0 14U	0 14U	

By my signature below, I verify that information I have provided is true and complete. I also confirm that I will notify and update the Davidson County Recreation and Parks Department of any changes to the information provided. I further authorize the Davidson County Recreation and Parks Department to conduct a criminal background check with the complete understanding that all information provided by me will be kept confidential.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Background Screening Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Application \_\_\_ Accepted \_\_\_ Denied

## **Appendix C**

### **DRAFT RULES**

Any time a Booster Club has two or more teams in the program, a fair and equal draft will be held to distribute the talent equally. The following regulations govern the draft:

- 1) The drafting of players on a team will be done within the Booster Club.
  - 2) Teams will be totally re-drafted every year.
  - 3) Only the head coach's child will be locked in. (No assistant coaches will have lock-ins, this will be strictly enforced. No assistant coaches will be picked until after the drafts are done. If brought to the attention of the Recreation Department that assistant coaches child was locked in. The Recreation Department will order a re-draft of all teams within the age group.)  
The drafting order will follow the guidelines are as follows:
    - 2 Year Program: a) First year of eligibility will be second pick.  
b) Second year of eligibility will be first pick.
    - 3Year Program: a) First year of eligibility will be third pick.  
b) Second year of eligibility will be second pick.  
c) Third year of eligibility will be first pick.
  - 4) Coaches must draw to establish the drafting order. In the first round, coaches will draft according to the order drawn. Then in the second round, the order will be reversed with the last coach drafting first. This procedure will be used until all players are drafted.
  - 5) Brothers/sisters should play on the same team. If a brother/sister is picked in the draft, the second brother/sister must be picked in the next round of drafting. Brothers/sisters may play for different teams with the approval of the family and Booster Club.
  - 6) A Booster Club can call for a re-draft of its teams, if they feel the situation warrants a re-draft.
  - 7) All Booster Clubs must turn in their drafting order sheets with their rosters. The drafting order sheets will be used to place additional players on teams and used to check to make sure the proper drafting procedures were followed
  - 8) If the Recreation Department feels that the draft did not follow the drafting rules it will order a re-draft.

The people responsible for overseeing the draft will consist of the following: Booster Club President/Officer, one (1) Booster Club Board Member, 3 at large representatives of which one (1) must be female, and by all the opposing coaches of teams being drafted in that particular age group. After the teams are drafted the people overseeing the draft must sign the roster and by doing so will approve the roster and draft for the Davidson County Recreation Department

If the Recreation Department feels that the draft did not equally distribute the talent, then it may order a re-draft to accomplish this goal.

## Appendix D

### Tournament Policy and Procedure Manual January 11, 2018

The Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department offers team tournaments for the following sports: Little League and Peeewe Football, Basketball (All age groups), Baseball and Softball (All age groups), and Volleyball (All age group).

Tentative tournament dates will be announced before the season starts. Once brackets are released, no changes will be made to accommodate teams with schedule problems.

#### I. Tournament Teams

Each division has a certain number of teams that are eligible to advance to the county tournament. Below are the criteria:

7 or less teams—2 teams will advance to the tournament. (All ties will be broken using the Tie Breaking Procedure in Section 2)

8 or more teams—3 teams will advance to the tournament. (All ties will be broken using the Tie Breaking Procedure in Section 2)

If there is only one division of an age group the number of teams advancing to the tournament will be decided based on the total number of teams in the division by Parks and Recreation staff.

#### II. Tie Breaking Procedure:

All parts of this procedure are mandatory. The steps should be followed in the order as they appear in the procedure.

##### A. Determining Conference Tournament Seeding

1. Seed the tournament based on final regular season standings.
2. If a tie needs to be broken for a tournament position, when two or more teams have equal conference percentages at the end of the season, the team that has the edge in head-to-head competition will get the higher place in the standings. All conference games played against each other would count in the head-to-head competition.
3. If two or more teams are still tied, and the teams played any non-conference games against each other, the team with the better record in all head-to-head games gets the higher conference seed. If there is a multiple tie (three or more teams), all teams must have played each other for non-conference games to be used.
4. If there is still a tie for a tournament seed, it will be resolved by comparing how the tied teams fared against the rest of the conference, starting with the number one team and moving down the standings until the tie is broken.
5. If the tie still exists, Parks and Recreation staff will draw for the available seeds. The drawing will be done in alphabetical order as the teams are listed in the recreation files.

#### III. Seeding of Teams in Tournament Brackets

1. Parks and Recreation Department staff will draw and seed teams in the tournament.
2. Drawing Procedure
  - A. The number one seed for each division will be drawn for the higher tournament seeds.
  - B. The number two seed for each division will be drawn for the next numbered tournament seeds.
  - C. Then any remaining teams will be drawn for the final tournament seeds.
3. The drawing will be done in alphabetical order as the teams are listed in the recreation files.

**Appendix E**  
**Gate Fees**

The Davidson County Recreation Commission approved the following Gates Fee Policy at its August 2010 meeting.

During the regular season for football (peewee and little league) each booster club will be allowed to collect \$1.00 from each person attending games.

During the football tournaments the Recreation Department is authorized to collect \$1.00 from each person attending games.

During basketball tournament the Recreation Department is authorized to collect \$1.00 from each person attending games.

**Booster Clubs are not allowed to charge gate fees on any county facilities.**

**Appendix F**  
**Lightning Policy**

If lightning is visible or the Supervisors' "Strike Alert" is indicating lightning within 6-12 miles, all game(s) on all field(s) will be suspended immediately.

All players, coaches, fans, umpires, and staff should take shelter immediately, preferably in their vehicle (do not leave until games have been cancelled).

Game officials will be responsible for identification of lightning and suspensions of the game(s).

Any Recreation Department staff or site supervisor, whenever in attendance, will have oversight and authority over game officials whenever safety is a concern.

If lightning begins, a thirty (30) minute delay will take effect.

At the conclusion of the thirty (30) minute delay, the game officials will determine whether or not to continue or cancel the game(s). Note: If lightning is still visible or the "Strike Alert" shows lightning within 6-12 miles, after the thirty (30) minute delay, the game(s) will be cancelled and rescheduled at another time.

Do not breach the 30 minute return-to-play rule due to blue skies or lack of rainfall.

Lightning can strike up to (10) miles away from the rain shaft of a storm.

All spectators, players, coaches, and officials will be instructed to seek safer areas:

Unsafe Areas: Picnic shelters, light poles, flag poles, isolated trees, metal bleachers, metal fences, and dugouts are unsafe and should not be a place of resort.

Safe Areas: Large enclosed structures and fully enclosed metal vehicles with windows rolled up

## **Appendix G NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

The goal of the Davidson County Recreation and Parks Department is to provide fun, safe, positive and supportive recreation atmosphere for the players, staff and spectators of Davidson County athletic events. Due to the increase of unsportsmanlike conduct and actions at our youth sporting events, the Department has taken a proactive, no tolerance stance towards any unsportsmanlike act or conduct. Any participant, coach, spectator or official may be disqualified from future participation in the County's athletic programs for any unsportsmanlike conduct and actions.

The below infractions are in no way complete list of intolerable actions during a youth sporting events. The purpose is to show examples of infractions and their consequences. Davidson County Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to vary suspension length based on the severity of the action as well as the history of the individual. The Department also authorizes Booster Clubs to add additional penalties as they see fit.

Infractions that may warrant a one game suspension:

Not complying with request of game personnel (officials and site supervisor)  
Ejection from a game not meeting one of five criteria for two game suspensions.

Infractions that may warrant a multiple game suspension:

Using obscene language or displaying flagrant gestures or other unsportsmanlike conduct  
Failure to leave a facility after being requested  
Ejection for a game for inappropriate conduct  
Ejection of a participant from a game meeting one of five criteria for two game suspensions  
Failure to provide recreation staff, officials and/or club authorities with the name(s) of player(s), coach (es) or spectator(s) involved in any infraction when requested to do so.

Infractions that may warrant a year long suspension:

Verbal threats or harassment made by a player, spectator or coaches toward Recreation staff or officials preceding, during, or following a game.  
Any spectators making threats or harassing comments toward (their own or opposing) coaches, players, spectators preceding, during, and/or after an athletic events.  
Destruction of county or school property

Infractions that may warrant possible lifetime suspensions:

Physical violence towards a player, coach, spectator, scorekeeper, or official proceeding, during or following an athletic event.  
Bringing a firearm or other types of weapons onto any county facility or facilities used for Recreation sponsored events by someone other than a law enforcement officer.  
Being under the influence or possession of drugs or alcohol on any Recreation facility or a facility hosting Recreation sponsored events.

Do's and Nots:

Spectators are allowed to cheer for your team and its players only. You are not allowed to berate other teams, coaches, spectators, officials, recreation staff, and your own coaches or players. You are not allowed to address officials in any way.

Coaches, you are allowed to coach your players. You are not allowed to berate officials, recreation staff, other coaches and spectator, and your own players and spectators. Coach your team and do not try to officiate.

Officials, you have to responsibility call games to best of your ability. Make sure you know the rules of the game you are officiating. Make sure you hustle and are in position to make call, and make calls. You are not allowed to berate spectators, coaches, and players.

Players, you are playing for fun and exercise. Show respect to your coach, teammates and spectators. Also, show respect to other players, coaches, and spectators. You are there to play not officiate game. Let the officials officiate and you play.

Again our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and positive environment for all participants of Davidson County programs and to ensure that everyone is aware that there is no place for inappropriate conduct or actions at any of our events.