

**PLAYER CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**  
**POLICY NUMBER: 02**  
**ISSUED: September 15, 2005**  
**REVISED:**

**PURPOSE:**

This policy establishes DAA protocol for appropriate player conduct and sportsmanship and provides procedures for coaches to follow in the event of disciplinary issues. While playing on the field or other facility, or in attendance at a practice or a game, the attitude and conduct of the participant and parent shall conform to DAA policy.

**PROCEDURE:**

The day-to-day basic player discipline will be the right and responsibility of the coach. If the player's behavior or attention span warrants, a parent (or guardian) of the player may be required to remain at all practices and games.

All players are expected to follow the Code of Conduct published by Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, even if the DAA sport is not county-sanctioned. The Code of Conduct (below) is posted on the DAA website and is included in the Youth Player Contract that players, parents and coaches are required to read and sign prior to participation in a county sport.

Items which may require disciplinary action include but are not limited to: violation of the Code of Conduct published by Anne Arundel County, insubordination, obscene language, racial slurs, shoving, and fighting.

In the event of a discipline problem, the coach may take the following disciplinary actions:

1. The coach may require a parent (or guardian) of the player to remain at all practices and if requested by the coach in charge, remove the player from the field or facility;
2. The coach may remove a player from the field or facility during any practice or game;
3. The coach may reduce a player's playing time below the county, league of play or DAA policy mandated playing times; and
4. The coach may suspend up to one game with approval of the sport's commissioner (Board approval not required.)

A coach may not suspend a player for more than one game or remove a player from his or her roster due to discipline issues without the majority approval of the sport commissioner, President and Vice President. The Board will discuss any suspensions of more than one game at the next possible Board meeting.

A coach may add his/her own team rules in addition to the Code of Conduct to his or her team as necessary and reasonable to ensure the smooth running of the team. For example, a player may get reduced game playing time for unexcused practices, unexcused missed games, or continual tardiness to practice or games. Any such additional rules will be pre-approved by the sport's commissioner and must be communicated by the coach to the parents and players prior to the start of the season.

*From the Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks Youth Player Contract*

Code of Conduct: As a Player, I understand that I must follow these rules to stay in good standing.

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.