

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Youth Leagues Polices

I. ORGANIZATION

The Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation - shall be the sponsoring agent of the Youth Field Hockey, Flag Football, Volleyball and Basketball programs.

II. AGE DIVISIONS – As of September 1

All children will play in their respective age groups for all Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Sports Leagues. (Field Hockey, Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, and Indoor Soccer)

III. COACHES DUTIES

1. To complete the Heads UP – CDC Concussion in Youth Sports Training before season begins.
2. To have a minimum of one team/parent's meeting to explain rules, philosophies, bylaws and parental expectations and review Codes of Conduct that are to be signed by players and parents and given to the Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation office the first week of games.
3. To notify all team members, parents and/or guardians of:
 - Rules, regulations, and bylaws established by the league.
 - Games and practices and of any Cancellations and/or make-up games as indicated by the league.
 - To ensure that every team member participates in this program according to polices and rules.
 - To monitor and enforce the Code of Conduct among the team members, coaches, spectators, and parents.
 - Rainout line for any changes or cancellations.
4. To encourage maximum participation by allowing participants to experience a variety of positions and involving them in making decisions on field during games.
5. To demonstrate good sportsmanship and not allowing excessive score domination.
6. Coaches must notify the department when a player quits.
7. All League teams will be allowed two (2) coaches - one (1) head coach and one (1) assistant. Coaches must be 18 years of age or older. All Coaches must complete the mandatory background check and drug testing as required by Queen Anne's County Government. NO coach or assistant coach will be ALLOWED to practice or occupy the player's bench if they have not completed Queen Anne's County requirements to become a volunteer coach.
8. A youth coach shall be sure his/her behavior sets a good example for the players on his/her team. He/she shall always remember to:
 - Not criticize players in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for private, or in the presence of the team so all may benefit.
 - Accept decision of officials on the court as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
 - Not criticize the opposing team, it's coaches or fans, by word or gesture, or encourage fans to do so.
 - Do not allow a player to re-enter any game if injured or suspicion of concussion.
9. Abide by the doctor's decision in all matters of a player's health and injuries. For minor injuries, it is coach's discretion on decision to play. For major injuries that require a doctor visit, he/she must give her coaches a doctor's excuse before playing or practicing again. If player has a concussion or injured in head, they must follow concussion protocol by CDC to return to play.
10. Coaches must report any injuries to the field or court monitor or the Parks and Recreation Department immediately upon his or her awareness of the injury (fill out incident report).

IV. UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

1. The Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Staff, and the Game Officials have the right to eject a player, coach, or spectator from the premises for UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct. The Department prohibits any ejected player or coach from further participation until reinstatement. Any coach or player ejected from a game, he/she must immediately leave the building or field area in which the game is being played. A coach or player ejected during one game will automatically be suspended from the next game; a second ejection during the season will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. The use of alcohol, tobacco or other illegal substances by coaches, players or spectators will not be tolerated at games or practices. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances will be removed from the premises.
3. Any player, coach, or spectator guilty of striking an official in any manner during or after a game shall automatically be suspended indefinitely from participation in all leagues sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Department.
4. A coach, player or team follower shall not commit an UNSPORTSMANLIKE foul such as.
 - Disrespectfully addressing an official,
 - Attempt to influence the official's decision,
 - Use of profanity,
 - Disrespectfully addressing or baiting an opponent,
 - Object to an official's decision by rising from the bench and using gesture,
 - Incite undesirable crowd reactions, or
 - Incite squad members seated on the bench at any time.
5. The penalty for violating any part of Rule 4 will be the following: The first infraction is a verbal warning. The second infraction called for said violations shall cause the violator, coach, player, or spectator to be removed from the premises. Refusal to comply may result in forfeiture of the game.

VI. SCHOOL RULES

Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation will abide by the Board of Education school facility policy including following rules apply while using school facilities:

1. Non-playing children and spectators should remain in the gym and out of the hallways.
2. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL GYMS. Participant may have water (Water for Players Only).
4. No smoking or use of Tabaco on school property.
5. No pets allowed.

V. PLAYING RULES

1. All teams must wear Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation provided shirts or jerseys. Game shirts must be worn and tucked in. DO NOT CUT YOUR TEAM SHIRT.
2. If any player is found in an unauthorized place in the school or area of park, that player will be suspended for one game. If the offense is repeated, the player will be suspended indefinitely.
3. All coaches and parents must remain off the playing field /court area during games. Designated coaching areas should be observed.
4. No jewelry. Earrings or hard hairpieces may not be worn during games. Soft hair bands are permitted. (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS Rule - A medical alert medal must be taped and may be visible. Also, 3-5-1 Note- Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and /or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport; heighten risk to the athlete/others of place opponents at a disadvantage.)
5. Players who wear external hearing aids should have them fastened securely, with tape if necessary, so that they cannot be jarred loose.

6. Hard casts or hard splints of any material are considered illegal equipment.
7. Participants wearing glasses must secure them with eyeglass strap or use of protective gear.
8. Head coaches are the only coaches to confront an official about a call. Assistant coaches are not allowed to confront an official concerning call. Coaches should not leave the bench area.
9. Games will begin as scheduled, a five (5) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only.
10. Physical examinations for all youths participating in the league are highly suggested prior to the beginning of practice but are not required by the League.
11. After the completion of a game, both teams and coaches shall form two lines to congratulate each other and show sportsmanship.
12. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS rules will be followed except for the above changes will govern play.

VI. INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to arrange postponed games at its convenience to catch up with the schedule. The Department also reserves the right to cancel games if necessary due to conditions beyond our control.
2. Field Status can be found at Rain out Line - <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/4102020705> Updates will be made by 3:00p.m. on weekday and 8:00am on weekends. If weather conditions are questionable and you do not see cancelled message or get a call from your coach, you should report for your game as scheduled.