



Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls

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This section addresses all unsportsmanlike conduct fouls issued in all sports (technical fouls in basketball, yellow cards in soccer & volleyball, unsportsmanlike penalties in wrestling and football, and restricted to bench in baseball and softball).

All unsportsmanlike fouls in all sports must be reported by the head coach to the CYM Director of Youth Sports within 24 hours of the completion of the athletic contest. The report should be sent in writing and should include the name of the recipient, a description of the infraction and additional information about the athletic contest (time, location, opponent, period of the infraction).

Failure to properly report these unsportsmanlike fouls in the timeline specified above could result in disciplinary action taken by the CYM Office.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls include (but are not limited to):

- Arguing, berating or objecting to decisions of game officials
- Disrespectfully addressing a player, coach, official or other spectator
- Challenging others to a fight (before, during or after an athletic contest – regardless of location)
- Negatively speaking to, about or taunting any athlete, coach or opponent
- Using inappropriate language/gestures
- Interrupting an athletic contest by entering the playing floor, field or track
- Approaching a game official or coach before, during or after an athletic contest regardless of location
- Disrupting the post-game handshake line in a negative manner
- While an active player in the athletic contest (whether playing or on the bench) causing an intentional disruption to an opposing player with the goal of missed shot, failed attempt, etc.
- Negative banter between coaches before, during or after a game
- Encouraging or not preventing poor sportsmanship behavior from own team

Any athlete or coach that receives 3 unsportsmanlike penalties in any full athletic program year (across all sports) will be suspended for a minimum of one game (to be served in the next athletic contest after the third penalty). Each additional unsportsmanlike conduct penalty carries a minimum one game suspension. The CYM Director of Youth Sports reserves the right to increase the disciplinary action if deemed necessary.

Some sports have automatic technical fouls or yellow cards for certain infractions that would not be considered unsportsmanlike:

- Too many people on the floor, field, court
- Reaching over the line and touching the ball

While these infractions must still be reported to the CYM Director of Youth Sports they will not count towards ones total of unsportsmanlike penalties.

Related Policies:

There are no related policies for this commentary section.

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