



Physical Altercation Policy

• FIGHTING

A hostile encounter that occurs between multiple parties, resulting in a physical struggle or contact, will be defined as a “fight.” Fighting will not be tolerated on the part of any participant associated with a City of Delta Parks & Recreation sporting activity or sporting related event.

• FIRST OFFENSE

All parties “participants” involved in a physical altercation “fight” are to be removed immediately by the coach for the remainder of that practice/game. In the case of a participant’s parent not being present, the participant should be moved to an isolated area off of the field that is still in sight of the coach. A parent needs to be contacted immediately by the coach. In the case that one of the participants is the coaches’ child, the participant is moved to an isolated area off of the field for the remainder of practice/game so that the coach may finish coaching. A conversation between the coach, parents, and participants should address appropriate behavior, apologies, and the repercussions of any future offenses.

In the case of a serious injury where medical attention is necessary, participant inflicting the injury will be suspended indefinitely until an investigation can take place immediately after the incident to determine the appropriate consequences.

• SECOND OFFENSE

If an individual is involved in a second altercation over the course of one season/sport, the same protocol as a first offense is followed. In addition, the participant will be suspended from all Recreation Programs for seven calendar days from the day of the incident. In the case that the incident occurs at the end of the season and there is less than seven days, the participant will be suspended from the first game of their next sport/season in City of Delta Recreation Programs. The participant and parent(s) will be required to meet with the Sports Coordinator or Assistant Sports Coordinator within those seven days before being eligible to return to play.

In the case of a serious injury where medical attention is necessary, participant inflicting the injury will be suspended indefinitely until an investigation can take place immediately after the incident to determine the appropriate consequences.

• THIRD OFFENSE

If a participant is involved in a third altercation over the course of one season/sport, the individual will be suspended for the remainder of that season (not eligible for refund of registration fee). If the third altercation happens with less than one week in the season the participant will be suspended for the first four games of the next season/sport that they participate in. The participant and parent(s) will be required to meet with the Sports Coordinator or Assistant Sports Coordinator before being eligible to participate in future programs.

In the case of a serious injury where medical attention is necessary, participant inflicting the injury will be suspended indefinitely until an investigation can take place immediately after the incident to determine the appropriate consequences.

The City of Delta reserves the right to further discipline any offender engaged in a physical altercation as deemed necessary.