

Town of Crested Butte

Parks and Recreation Department



Program Policies Packet for Participants and Parent/Guardian(s)

Read, understand, and ask questions as needed. Print the last page of the packet and return to the Department with the participant's program registration.

Coach/Manager/Player/Parent Relationships

The Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Department (the Department) expects coaches, managers, players, and parents to all maintain open lines of communication. In all instances, parties should speak directly with other involved parties in any decision and/or instance.

Communication should run the following course:

1. Participant and Coach
2. Participant's Parent/Guardian and Coach
3. Participant's Parent/Guardian and Team Manager

Parents should encourage their participant(s) to speak directly with their coach, no matter how young they are. The Department's programs strive to develop quality citizens and healthy participant/coach relationships at all ages.

If that is not sufficient, the Participant's Parent/Guardian may converse with a coach during an appropriate time such as after practice, or 24 hours after a game. Unsuitable times include during practice, a game, or immediately following the conclusion of a game.

If the above channels are first exhausted, the Department is always available for further discussion and mediation.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



1. HAVE FUN
2. I will show respect at all team functions.
3. I will be a team player and attempt to work and get along with all teammates regardless of differences.
4. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities during team functions.
5. I will learn and show sportsmanship and discipline.
6. I will be on time for practices and games.
7. I will learn the rules of the game and play by them.
8. I will respect the game, rules, coaches, officials, opponents, teammates, spectators and facilities at all times.
9. I will not fight with teammates, opponents or anyone else.
10. I pledge to follow the rules of the Department and conduct myself properly for the duration of season (from first practice to last contest) at all times, both away from and during team functions.
11. I will learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion and notify my parent/guardian and coaches if any of these signs or symptoms occur. I will also notify my parent/guardian and coaches if I suspect another player has the signs and symptoms of a concussion.
12. I will not argue with an official's decision no matter what the call is and obey all repercussions involving that call. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
13. I will refrain from swearing or abusive language on the bench, field and any team function. If swearing or abusive language occurs, I will follow all consequences.
14. I will not drink, smoke, or use illegal substances during the season. If my coach suspects or any outside member notifies my coach of my use I will respect the penalty based upon the substance abuse guidelines.

Parent/Legal Guardian

Code of Conduct Agreement



As a parent/legal guardian of a child involved in a Town of Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Program, I agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

1. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire to win.
2. I will remember that my child plays for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players.
4. I will approach coaches at an appropriate time and with respect if I wish to speak with them concerning my athlete, the previous game or practice.
5. I will demand my athlete treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators respect regardless of race, creed, sex, or ability.
6. I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.
7. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my athlete or the safety of others.
8. I will learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion and notify the coaches if my minor shows any of these signs or symptoms occur.
9. I will help participate in any team job if I shall be designated too.
10. I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
11. I will set a good example for my players. I will not be under the influence of controlled substances during team functions. I will refrain from smoking, drinking, or using illegal substances during team functions.

Playing Time Guidelines



The Parks and Recreation Department is in a unique situation in the Town of Crested Butte. In many municipalities team sport programs are not provided by the recreation department for youth after grade school. Typically, private clubs begin to provide team sport opportunities for youth beginning about or before the middle school age. These programs grow in competitiveness based upon playing ability, age, and abundance of players. For players that do not want to participate in competitive sports, there may or may not be recreational opportunities.

The department strives to provide team sport programs that uphold our values as stated in our Mission Statement, including fair play and sportsmanship at all levels. One of our objectives is to remain in touch with community needs and trends in recreational programming. We feel that our community needs to have competitive high school aged team sport programs to provide to our youth. This competitive drive promotes healthy lifestyles in the youth of Crested Butte. As such, the competitive nature of each sport must grow progressively from grade school all the way through high school. Therefore our department has developed the following game time policies for athletes and coaches.

As you read through the following, please remember that all sports are different. There are 11 players on the field in older soccer levels, but only 6 skaters in hockey. Giving all baseball players equal play time is impossible with 12 players and only 3 innings played. These policies are guidelines to our coaches and to answer questions parents may have prior to or during seasons. Exceptions to these policies may arise for a variety of reasons.

As all sports are different, so are all coaches. Individual coaches may elaborate on these policies further for their season. All policies are first approved by our department. Our goal is to provide fun safe programs to our kids while at the same time teaching them valuable life lessons and developing quality citizens. Our coaches have the same goals, otherwise they would not devote so much of their valuable time to your children.

Pre – Kindergarten until 2nd grade include:

Soccer: U6, and U8
Hockey: Mini-Mites, and Mites
Football: AFC Flag Football
Baseball: Tee Ball, and Farm League (coach pitch)

Policy:

- As equal play time as possible during all games for all athletes regardless of ability, or commitment to the team.
- If players have missed practices, even if they were excused practices, the coach is completely within their rights to not start them on their first game back.
- Exceptions should be made for: any health issues or if the athlete shows up late for a game.

3rd and 4th grades include:

Soccer: U10
Hockey: Squirts
Football: AFC Flag Football/3rd & 4th Tackle Football
Baseball: Division 1 (9 – 10 yr olds)

Policy:

It is at this age that sportsmanship and competitiveness will begin to be taught to players though play time. Coaches may use game starts and/or play time as a disciplinary or reward system in their coaching.

- All players should play in every game, both regular and post season play.
- Play time in regular season games should be as even as possible with the following exceptions:
 - Tardy to practice
 - Missed practice
 - Showed poor sportsmanship during a practice or game
- Play time in playoff/tournament situations may become more unbalanced due to player's abilities, effort, skills, and commitment.
- Exceptions should be made for: any health issues or if the athlete shows up late for a game.

5th and 6th grades include:

Soccer:	U12
Hockey:	Peewees
Football:	5 th & 6 th Tackle Football
Baseball:	Division 2 (11 – 12 year olds)

Policy:

As players get older, the competition level rises as well.

- All players should play in every regular season game.
- Play time will become more unbalanced due to player's abilities, effort, skills, and commitment, especially in playoff/tournament situations, or towards the end of close games.
- The coaches should make it a priority to get players that don't play that much, more playing time during non-league games, scrimmages and/or blowout games.
- Not every player is guaranteed play time during playoff/tournament situations.

7th, 8th, and 9th grades include:

Soccer:	Middle School/U14
Hockey:	Bantams
Baseball:	Babe Ruth 13 – 15 year olds

Policy:

These are varsity middle school sports in competitive leagues. Efforts will be made to get every player in to every regular season game.

High School grade sports include:

Hockey:	Midgets
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Policy:

This is a varsity sport. The coach is fully within their rights to play or not play any and all players as they see fit.

SUSPENSION GUIDELINES



Scholastics

Crested Butte Parks and Recreation programs are not affiliated with the Crested Butte Community School. The department hopes and expects all participants to maintain healthy grades in their scholastic studies; however, there are no requirements issued by the Department regarding athletic eligibility due to grades or status at the school.

If a parent/guardian desires to limit their child's participation due to grades, they are completely within their rights to do so; they will have full support from the Department, and from the coaches.

If a team would like to require scholastic requirements for athletic eligibility, that must be the consensus of the coaches and parents, and is conditional upon approval from the Department.

Citizenship/Behavior

All players must adhere to the Player Code of Conduct. Any violation of numbers one through seven (1 – 7) will be handled by the coaches and team managers. Chronic offenses of numbers one through seven (1 – 7) may be punishable based upon the *Suspension Matrix*.

Any violation of codes numbered eight through fourteen (8 – 14) will result in suspensions as described below and shown in the *Suspension Matrix*.

1. A first offense will result in a suspension for the participant for the next scheduled game. The participant must attend practices until their suspension is complete. The participant must attend the next game* without suiting up.
2. A second offense will result in a suspension for the next two games. The participant must attend practices until their suspension is complete. The participant must attend the two games* they are suspended for without suiting up.
3. A third offence will result in dismissal for the rest of the season with no reimbursement for fees.

*Exception: Travel outside of Gunnison County is encouraged, but not mandatory for the game(s) the participant is suspended for.

Substance Abuse

If a parent or guardian reports an incident of substance abuse by their own child, the Parks and Recreation department will set up a meeting with the parent or guardian, player, coach and/or Recreation Department staff. Following the meeting, the following actions may be taken.

1. The Department, Parent/Guardian(s), Coaches, and the Athlete will all be notified in writing
2. The athlete will be suspended from the next day of games
3. The athlete is required to attend practices during their suspension
4. The athlete must attend games during their suspension* without "suing-up"
5. Any financial assistance the athlete may have received to participate in the program will be revoked and he/she will be required to pay the balance

Substance Abuse (cont.)

If a participant shows up to a practice or contest and is under the influence of an illegal substance at or beyond a preponderance of evidence the following shall happen in addition to the actions stated above.

1. The athlete will not be allowed to participate in the practice/contest in which they are deemed under the influence
2. A parent/guardian will be notified by either a coach or a manager and required to arrive at the premises
3. The athlete will not be allowed to leave the premises without a parent/guardian

If a participant is found to have used an illegal substance a second time during the course of the season (from the first practice to the last game) they will be dismissed for the remainder of the season with no reimbursement for their fees. The Department, Parent/Guardian(s), Coaches, and the Athlete will all be notified in writing.

A preponderance of evidence is just enough evidence to make it more likely than not that the claim against the player is true.

*Travel outside of Gunnison County is encouraged, but not mandatory for the game(s) the participant is suspended for.

Felony

Any participant convicted of a felony will be immediately dismissed for the remainder of the season. Acceptance into future Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Programs will be at the sole discretion of the Department.

Suspension Guidelines Matrix

	Citizenship/Behavior	Substance Abuse	Felony Conviction
1st Offense	Suspended for the next game. Must attend practice, and should attend game without suiting up.*	Suspension from the next day of games. Must attend practice, and should attend games without suiting up.*	Dismissed for remainder of season
2nd Offense	Suspended for the next two games. Must attend practice, and should attend games without suiting up.*	Dismissed for remainder of season	n/a
3rd Offense	Dismissed for remainder of season	n/a	n/a

*Travel outside of Gunnison County is encouraged, but not mandatory for the two games the participant is suspended for.

