



SGAA Code of Conduct

It is the practice of the South Granville Athletic Association (SGAA) to conduct all activities in a professional and sportsmanlike manner. **SGAA only sponsors recreational sports.** To ensure that all children in Southern Granville County have an opportunity to participate in sporting events and to keep the registration fees at the lowest possible level, volunteers are recruited to assist in the operation of sporting events.

The SGAA Board of Directors has implemented the following policies:

1. Profanity, verbal abuse, threats of any kind, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited at all SGAA activities.
2. Confronting or using verbally abusive language, in person, by telephone, or via email, to any official or volunteer is prohibited at all SGAA activities at any time.
3. Violence of any type, toward any person is prohibited. (Note: Recent legislation has deemed that violence toward event officials or volunteers in recreational sports is a felony offense.)

When a violation occurs, an incident report will be filed by an SGAA official at the sporting event. A severity level of the incident will be established.

Level 1 – This rating will consist of a verbal warning for the incident. Two Level 1 warnings will automatically elevate future violations to a Level 2 rating.

Level 2 – This rating will warrant your ejection from the event and a review of the incident by the SGAA Board of Directors. At any time, if you are ejected or suspended from an event, you must leave the premises immediately and you may not be on the premises during the following game when you are serving your suspension. You will not be allowed to return to any SGAA event until you have met with at least two SGAA Board members. These officers will determine whether or not you will be allowed to attend any subsequent SGAA sponsored events until the next board meeting. The incident will also be reviewed at the next board meeting during closed session. At that time, you will have an opportunity to speak on your behalf or you may send a written response to: SGAA, P.O. Box 384, Butner, N.C. 27509. If it is determined that you justifiably received a Level 2 warning, the SGAA board will continue your suspension from all SGAA events for a specific number of months or games for the remainder of the season. The Board will render a decision within 60 days. Two Level 2 violations will automatically elevate all future incidents to a Level 3 rating.

Level 3 – This rating will consist of your ejection from the event and a review of the incident by the SGAA Board of Directors. You will not be able to return to any SGAA event until the incident is reviewed at the next board meeting. You will have the opportunity to speak on your behalf at the next board meeting or you may send a written response to: SGAA, P.O. Box 384, Butner, N.C. 27509. If it is determined that you justifiably received a Level 3 warning, the SGAA Board will continue your suspension for a minimum of one full year from the date of the offense to a maximum lifetime suspension. The Board will render a decision within 60 days. Annually, upon your request, the SGAA board will review your suspension. A reversal of a lifetime suspension will require a unanimous vote of all elected members currently serving on the SGAA Board of Directors.

If you are ejected from any SGAA event and refuse to leave the event, a severity rating of Level 3 will be assigned to the incident. The event will be stopped and local law enforcement officers will be notified. An acting SGAA official will request a trespass order.