



PARKS AND RECREATION BEHAVIOR POLICY

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The purpose of this policy is to inform Rapid City Parks & Recreation patrons of the standards of conduct and behavior that are expected and will be enforced in programming and facility premises. Recreation users are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is safe and conducive to fair play and allows for sharing of the facility with other users of all ages and interests.

Certain types of behavior can be potentially harmful or dangerous and will not be accepted. Behaviors that may result in the loss of recreation facility/programming services and/or criminal prosecution include:

- Improperly using any equipment or materials of Parks & Recreation
- Verbal, physical, or sexual harassment
- Disturbing the peace, as defined in Rapid City Municipal Code 9.08.040
- Vandalism

The Rapid City Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend the program/facility privileges of any patron suspected of engaging in any of the above-enumerated activities, or other disruptive or unsafe conduct, for the length of suspension the Parks & Recreation Department deems appropriate, including the permanent loss of access. Any fees or costs for use of the facility or participation in any program will NOT be refunded. The following are recommended guidelines for suspension periods; the seriousness of the conduct may warrant immediate and/or lengthier loss of Parks & Recreation privileges, as determined by the Parks & Recreation Director or designee. The Parks & Recreation Director or designee must approve any loss of programming/facility privileges for one month or more.

- 1st offense – Verbal warning that further violation will involve loss of parks programming/facility privileges; suspension from the program/facility for the remainder of the day if warranted by severity or repetition of behavior after the warning
- 2nd offense – Loss of privileges for one month
- 3rd offense – Loss of privileges for six months
- 4th offense – Loss of program/facility privileges forever

Any person suspended under this policy may appeal the suspension. In order to be addressed in an appropriate timeframe, suspensions of one month or less shall be appealed to the Parks & Recreation Director; suspensions of six months or more shall be appealed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. In the case of a minor, the parent or legal guardian may file the appeal on their behalf. The person requesting the appeal must complete the appeal form and present it to a Parks & Recreation staff member. The Director or Parks & Recreation Advisory Board may withdraw or amend the suspension only if the person appealing the suspension shows good cause for doing so. All decisions of the Director or Board are final.

The Rapid City Parks & Recreation Department staff will endeavor to maintain order in and around its facilities and property. The Staff will intervene in an appropriate manner when necessary to maintain or restore order and are encouraged to solicit the assistance of law enforcement personnel when needed.



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Appeal of Recreation Facility Suspension

This appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the suspension letter. When completed, it must be mailed or e-mailed to the Park & Recreation's Administrative Office at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the next Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

For suspensions of less than six months, the Parks & Recreation Director will hear the appeal. For suspensions of six months or more, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will hear the appeal at its next regular meeting. You will be notified of the time and place of the hearing

All the information below is required:

Date of Appeal: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Suspension: _____ Length of Suspension: _____

Reason for requesting an appeal:

Submit form to: Rapid City Parks & Recreation Administrative Office, 515 West Blvd., Rapid City SD 57701
or
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