



2018 National Youth Sports Rules and Regulations Form

The NYSP creed: I will be a good sport at all times and will conduct myself with decency and honesty. I will do my best to get along with others and will have pride in myself. I will put forth my best effort in all competition and always compete fairly.

Although it is very important for campers to have fun, it is equally important that **everyone is included** and gets to partake in a safe environment. To meet the objectives, it is important that our campers learn and understand why specific guidelines must be followed for everyone's safety. All students enrolled shall behave in a manner that promotes a nurturing, orderly, safe, and conducive environment.

Students are expected to:

1. Help create an atmosphere free from bullying, intimidation and harassment.
2. Demonstrate honesty and trustworthiness
3. Treat others with respect, use good manners, and be considerate
4. Demonstrate responsibility
5. Demonstrate fairness / play by the rules
6. Wear clothing that covers the body's torso, shorts reaching the mid-thigh portion of the leg, no spaghetti straps or halter tops, and children must wear closed toe shoes.
7. Attend every scheduled swim lesson and participate in the water
8. Show respect towards camp employees, aquatics director/ lifeguards, bus drivers, volunteers, visitors, and students.
9. Keep hands to yourself
10. Be ready to participate and learn new things
11. Refrain from using cell phones during the hours of the camp!

All campers are expected to follow

WVU/NYSP guidelines and rules designed for their safety in participation of camp sports and activities. If children do not follow camp policies and procedures, disciplinary steps provided in the pages following will be taken.

I acknowledge that I have read the above information with my child, had the opportunity to ask questions about, and understand that this form and the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Child's Signature

Date

NYSP Discipline Policy

Regardless of number of times the rules are reviewed and explained, somebody will want to test those rules just to see if you actually mean what you say. We want you, the group leader and instructors, to take control and have some flexibility in dealing with the campers. We also recognize the fact that there needs to be options available to you.

Each staff member/group leader is responsible for maintaining order to his/her own group and dealing with any discipline issues. If a child will not behave after reasonable conversation, the staff member shall excuse the individual to the sidelines for a given length of time. If a child continues to be disruptive, they should be brought by the staff member to the NYSP Office for discussion of the situation in detail. If the child is not cooperative at this point, he/she may be sent home and/or suspended from the program.

- 1. Informal camper conference (first offense):** Remind the camper privately of the, rules and regulations and how their current behavior is unacceptable. Make suggestions for improvement and reinforce the good things they do. **Be sure to make notes of the day, date and nature of the infraction and discussion with the child.** This will allow you to be more consistent throughout the duration of the camp and with all campers. By documenting each step, should the need arise; you will have reasons for sending the camper to the office and/or phoning the parents, particularly in those situations where the behavior is more annoying than serious.
- 2. Verbal Warnings (second offense):** Remind the camper of the informal meeting and whether or not their behavior has improved some, a lot, or not at all. A phone call to the parent is probably in order. Again, document incident and keep a record of all calls and reasons for the calls.
- 3. Written Warnings (third and final offense):** A call to parent informing them of child's behavior with written documentation sent home with child. This is not a suspension, but a way the parent is informed of the seriousness of the continued problem. Be sure that a copy of the incident report is on file in the camp office.

Camper should be removed from activity any time there is disruptive behavior. This time away from the activity may be enough for them to reconsider their behavior. If child exhibits aggressive behavior that jeopardizes others safety, call for assistance so the camper can be brought to the office to calm down. Once the camper reaches the office a variety of options will be used depending on the situation and severity of the behavior. The parent will be contacted by phone whenever possible, and also in writing. From this point some of the options to considered are:

- Parent conference with office staff/counselor and camper

- One to three day suspension from camp
- Switching camper to another group
- Removal from camp

As the camp progresses, keep in mind that these may be high risk kids and we are not in as structured of an environment as school. We are a camp with broad limitations for them to enjoy and learn from within. Whenever possible discipline should be handled with the group leader, however, if the only apparent solution appears to be that the camper should be sent home, do not hesitate to do so. .

Obviously, situations arise when it is not practical to follow a set protocol or follow all the steps. Some examples of unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated at any level or in any circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bullying or threatening others.
- Possession of alcohol and/or other drugs (including snuff or other tobacco products).
- Possession of dangerous non-sport related items, such as knives.
- Fighting during camp
- Misbehaving or bullying while riding the bus to/from camp
- Abusive and/or disrespectful behavior.
- Running away from camp.
- Profanity.
- Destruction of/or vandalism to equipment or property.