



POLICY NO. 16	POLICY TITLE: Special Events
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Policy 16- Special Events Policy

Purpose

To ensure everyone attending an event hosted by HCSA knows what is expected of them. This policy clearly outlines behaviour expectations and guidelines to make sure all HCSA events are fun and safe, and maintains a positive and inclusive atmosphere

Scope and Application of this Policy

This policy applies to all individuals involved with HCSA. This includes players, participants, volunteers, coaches, board members, spectators and support staff.

Code of Behaviour for Participants and Spectators

Respect and Inclusion

- Treat everyone with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Use language that is positive and inclusive
- Respect the cultures, beliefs and opinions of others, even when we may not agree
- Refrain from Any mean, disrespectful, or abusive behavior or language
- Support and cheer for all participants- celebrate effort, not just achievement
- Help make HCSA events welcoming for everyone

Safety and Conduct

- Refrain from hitting, spitting, or physically harming anyone
- Always avoid the use of foul or profane language
- Remain in designated areas; do not leave the facility or event area unless supervised or with permission new sentence
- Follow directions of HCSA staff, volunteers, and event organizers at all times

- Respect all event spaces, facilities, and equipment

Health and Responsibility

- Smoking, vaping and the use of alcohol, cannabis or other drugs are not permitted within 20 feet of outdoor activities or in any indoor facility
- Dogs or other animals are not permitted at events, except for approved working service animals
- Caregivers and guardians are responsible for supervising any participant who relies on support and must ensure that no participant is left unattended
- If an event is cancelled early, caregivers must ensure the participant has access to transportation home- it is not the responsibility of HCSA volunteers to arrange travel or wait with participants
- Parents/guardians or caregivers are responsible for administering first aid if needed

Fairness and Enjoyment

- Be patient, positive and supportive-remember that all HCSA events are about participation, inclusion and fun
- Encourage sportsmanship and teamwork, not competition or criticism
- Take pride in representing HCSA's values at all times

Enforcement

- Anyone who fails to meet these expectations may be asked to leave the event
- Repeated or serious violations (including unsafe, discriminatory, or any abusive behavior) may result in suspension from future HCSA activities
- HCSA reserves the right to contact appropriate authorities in cases involving safety or legal concerns

Access ability an inclusion commitment

HCSA is committed to hosting events that are accessible, inclusive, and respectful of all individuals. We we strive to remove barriers so that everyone- regardless of ability, background, or identity- can participate fully in our community.

Approved by Board, Nov 12, 2025

