

# SOFTBALL LEAGUE - PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



The league director (Carissa Ware) is responsible for administering these standards based on incident report filled by the umpire. Team captains may submit their own reports within 24 hours of incident. **A “zero” tolerance policy has been instituted for unsportsmanlike behavior in our programs since 2009.** Below is a list of areas of concern and the penalties that accompany them. **This is to be used as a guideline, however under special circumstances, the league director has the right to change, modify, or adapt these offenses or penalties as needed** “keeping the best interest of the Softball program in mind, and considering any prior offenses and the totality of the circumstances.”

| OFFENSE  | MINIMUM PENALTY  | MAXIMUM PENALTY   |
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| <b>Physical Assault of Umpire, Player, Spectator, or City Employee.</b>  | One year suspension and possible criminal charges.                                       | Lifetime suspension and criminal charges.                             |
| <b>Fighting or Any Physical Threat or Abuse of Umpire, Player, Spectator, or City Employee.</b>  | Suspension from remainder of the season, no less than Five double headers, or ten games. | Lifetime suspension, possible criminal charges.                       |
| <b>Leaving Dugout During an Altercation.</b>   | Ejection from game + one game suspension.  | Suspension for remainder of season.                                   |
| <b>Verbal Abuse /Taunting /Inappropriate Language Towards Umpire, Player, Spectator, or City Employee.</b>   | Ejection from game + one game suspension.  | Suspension for remainder of season.                                   |
| <b>Refusal to Follow Umpire’s Decision or Follow League or Parks Rules.</b>  | Ejection from game + one game suspension.  | Suspension for remainder of season.                                   |
| <b>Alcohol in Sports Complex/ Dugout *</b>   | Forfeiture of game, player disqualified from remainder of season and tournament.         | One year suspension from all athletics programs.                      |
| <i>* State law prohibits alcohol possession or consumption on the premises, including the parking lot. Alcohol consumption is allowed exclusively at the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex’s Beer Garden.</i> |  |   |
| <b>Illegal Players (not on roster)</b>   | Forfeiture of game + one game suspension.  | Forfeiture of game + one game suspension for player and team captain. |
| <b>Use of Illegal Softballs or Altered Bats</b>  | Forfeiture of game.  | Suspension from remainder of the season for player and team captain.  |

**ATTENTION:** ALL Participants will sign the Player Code of Conduct prior to participating in any SPRD athletic sponsored programs. As a team manager, player, spectator, or score keeper, I hereby accept, acknowledge, and understand the **“PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT”** in its entirety. I understand that all of my teammates on my roster and spectators are expected to abide by the SPRD Softball League’s standard of sportsmanship and are subject to the penalties of this contract. I agree that myself and my team and spectators will abide by the **“PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT”** in its entirety and vow to adhere by these rules, accepting the penalties and probations as it so may be. I also agree that it is my responsibility to education myself and the players on my teams’ roster about the “0” tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior, and the penalties and consequences as described in the Player Code of Conduct.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager Name \_\_\_\_\_

Division/Day: \_\_\_\_\_.

| PRINT PLAYER NAME | PLAYER SIGNATURE | PHONE NUMBER |
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