

City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The participants Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches and managers. The Code of Conduct applies to players as individuals or as a team: and the penalties can be applied on an individual or an entire team. This Code becomes effective as soon as the participants arrive at the facility of play and remains in effect until participants leave the facility.

1. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. At any time lay hand upon, push, shove or strike or threaten to strike an official.
- b. At any time throw any object or piece of equipment at any participant(s), official(s), or spectator(s). This includes, but is not limited to bats, gloves, helmets, balls, etc.
- c. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator.
- d. Endanger the safety of any player official or spectator.
- e. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against any opposing player.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play in the game and report such participant to the Adult Sports Coordinator. Such participant shall remain suspended until a letter is received from the participant requesting a hearing before the Adult Sports Executive Committee and the hearing has been held. Such hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible. Managers will be notified of the decision reached by the Adult Sports Committee.

NOTE: All Officials, managers and/or participants involved must submit a written report within two (2) working days following the incident, in order to be considered in the hearing.

Any and all unwarranted physical contact (see rules 1, a-e) will result in an automatic one (1) year suspension. This suspension cannot be appealed until after the one (1) year suspension has expired. All appeals must be submitted to the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

2. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Refuse to abide by the officials decision.
- b. Be guilty of heaping personal, verbal abuse upon an official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
- c. Be guilty of destruction and/or abuse of City property.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play in the game and to report such player to the Adult Sports Coordinator for appropriate action. It shall be the prerogative of the Adult Sports Executive Committee to allow such participant to play under probation or to have such participant report for a hearing to consider his/her case.

3. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, bats, balls, timer's or personal equipment or any other forceful action.
- b. Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official. (Exception: Manager or Captain.)
- c. Be guilty of abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator.
- d. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time.

PENALTY:

The degree of infraction of this tenet of good sportsmanship shall in the officials judgment, draw a minimum penalty of warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game.

4. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Smoke while going on or coming off the field of play, or while on the field of play.
- b. Be guilty of discussing publicly with spectators in a derogatory manner any lay, decision, or his/her personal opinion of other players during the game.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to warn participants, failure of such players to comply will result in removal from the game.

5. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Permit anyone to remain in the dugout or on the player's bench during the game who is not a playing member of the team (Managers and Coaches excepted.)

- b. Mingle with or fraternize with the spectators during the course of the game, but shall remain on the player's bench/dugout or on the field of play.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to warn participants: Failure of such players to comply will result in removal from the game.

6. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Appear on any City facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or consume any alcoholic beverage(s) while on that facility or participating in a recreational program.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend and report the participant to the Adult Sports Coordinator for further consideration. Teams will forfeit any games, plus face possible suspension from the league and forfeiture of all fees.

7. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of the game with any official, spectator, player or opponent.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to report violations of this rule to the Sports Office. Any participant ejected from a game by the official for any cause is subject to further disciplinary action by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

See specific Sports SUPPLEMENTAL RULES for additional Rules of Conduct.

Penalties for violations of the Participants Code of Conduct or other violations for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine or Sports Section policies are determined by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. The following categories of penalties may be leveled by the Adult Sports Executive Committee:

1. Forfeiture of game(s)

- a. The forfeiture of one or more games.

2. Probation

- a. A team or player may be placed on probation for a length of time to be determined by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.
- b. A team or player on probation who violates the Participants Code of Conduct will be suspended INDEFINITELY from the Sports Program.

3. Fines

- a. In addition to the above penalties, violations of the Code of Conduct or other Department or Sports Section rules could result in a fine.

4. Suspensions (leveled by the Adult Sports Executive Committee are based on the severity of each incident)

- a. The suspension(s) of a player(s) or team for one (1) calendar year or less.
- b. Suspensions LESS than one (1) year in duration may be appealed to the Adult Sports Executive Committee. A letter must be submitted to the Supervisor of the Sports Section within one (1) week following the decision of the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

PENALTIES ADMINISTERED BY THE ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ONE (1) YEAR OR LESS ARE FINAL AND CANNOT BE APPEALED.

PENALTIES ADMINISTERED BY THE ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR MAY BE APPEALED ONLY AFTER A ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION HAS BEEN SERVED.

ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

NOTE: WHEN A PARTICIPANT IS UNDER SUSPENSION IN A SPORT, HE/SHE IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS PROGRAM UNTIL REINSTATED BY THE ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.