

The City of Long Beach

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine

Adult Sports

Supplemental Rulebook



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LONG BEACH GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. FEE DEADLINE:

In order to provide better service to the participants of the Adult Sports Leagues, all registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS. If your team does not make payment in full by the publicized registration deadline, your team placement in the league is not guaranteed. PARTIAL FEE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. ROSTER/PLAYERS:

A completed official team roster is due in the Sports Office at the time of registration. Failure to submit a completed roster at the time of registration will result in a forfeit loss for the first game of the season, resulting in a nine (9) game schedule. It is recommended that teams carry a full roster to allow for injuries and players that may be out of town. Please see specific sports for roster limits. NOTE: LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ACCOMODATE PLAYERS OR TEAMS IN MORE THAN ONE (1) LEAGUE.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

All players must be eighteen (18) years old or older to participate in an Adult Sports League. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball – players must be fifty-five (55) years old or older. No active professional or collegiate athletes will be allowed to play in any league. Former professional or collegiate athletes must have been inactive for at least one year in order to participate. Teams or players found in violation of this rule will result in team forfeiture of all games in which the player(s) participated.

4. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS:

Each add is \$10 per player. However, each team is given three (3) free add forms (six (6) for Summer Baseball) in their managers packet at the beginning of the season. Only the free add forms provided will be accepted. No other free add forms will be available. Players may be added and dropped up until the beginning of the seventh (7) game of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and received in the Sports Office prior to participation in any league game.

NOTE: ALL LONG BEACH RESIDENT TEAMS MUST MAINTAIN MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON.

EXCEPTION: Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

5. REFUND POLICY:

Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will not be available once the schedules for that particular league have been generated and printed. Any team that is removed from any league will not be refunded any portion of their league fee. Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will be processed only if the league has been cancelled. The City of Long Beach has a refund processing fee of \$35.

6. PICTORIAL IDENTIFICATION:

Each player at every game must have in their possession and be able to provide a valid photo identification (CA Driver's License or other) if requested by the official to do so. Any team using ineligible players (not on the roster, no identification) will automatically forfeit any game played, if an eligibility protest is made and upheld by the Sports Coordinator. Please see rule #11 for protests.

7. OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER:

The umpire/referee will be the official scorekeeper for each game. Managers of both teams must initial scorecards after each game/match to confirm scores.

EXCEPTION: Basketball and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

8. OFFICIALS FEES:

Each team is required to present the game official(s) with the appropriate fee IN CASH prior to the beginning of the game. No game will begin until both teams have paid the official(s) in full. If a team does not pay the official, that team will be charged with a forfeit loss. In sports with multiple officials, if only one official appears for a scheduled game, payment to the official working the game will be half of the regular individual team fee.

EXCEPTION: Football and Beach Volleyball (please see specific sports rules).

9. FORFEIT FEE:

Teams that forfeit any game must pay both teams official's fee for that game. Payment must be received in the Sports Office within one (1) week of the forfeited game. Failure to comply will result in the team's removal from the league. Cash or Check are accepted forms of payment. Payment must be made payable to the City of Long Beach.

EXCEPTION: Teams that notify the Sports Office prior to 3:00pm (week night games only) on the scheduled game day will not be required to pay the forfeit fee, only if the game is the first or last for that scheduled day.

10. FORFEIT RULE:

Teams forfeiting two (2) games/matches will not be eligible for the playoffs. Teams forfeiting three (3) games/matches will automatically be removed from the league and will forfeit the unused balance of fees.

11. PROTESTS:

Oral protests must be made by the team manager/captain with the official(s) and the opposing team manager/captain prior to the next live ball situation. Protests will not be considered unless they are received in the Sports Office in writing within one (1) working day of the incident. A \$25 protest fee must accompany the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. Protests will be decided upon on the spot during the playoffs. Protests for ineligible players must be made by the opposing manager/captain before the end of the game to allow the official to check the

identification of the player in question. No protest fee is required at this time. Any player requested by the official(s) to show identification must do so within ten (10) minutes following the completion of the game. If the player in question does not return within the ten (10) minute time period or if the identification does not match the name and signature on the scorecard, the game will be called a forfeit. If the player in question provides identification that matches the name and signature on the scorecard and the opposing manager still feels that the player is illegal, that manager must follow the standard protest procedure outlined above. Teams cannot protest judgment calls made by officials, and umpires.

12. RULE CLARIFICATION:

Only the manager/captain may approach the official(s) to clarify a call. EXCEPTION: Volleyball – please see specific rules.

13. FIGHTING:

Any team, player(s), or spectator(s) fighting before, during, or after any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League game will be ejected from the area immediately. The area consists of the field/court, the parking lot, and any portion of City property. If a team, player, or spectator refuses to leave the area or will not stop fighting, this will result in additional team and individual penalties. All penalties will be determined by and enforced by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

The minimum TEAM penalty for fighting is a three (3) game suspension, not counting the game/match in which the incident occurred. This suspension cannot be appealed. The minimum INDIVIDUAL penalty for fighting is an indefinite suspension pending an Adult Sports Executive Committee decision. All Adult Sports Executive Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT.

14. TRASH TALKING/VERBAL ABUSE:

Abusive language and/or gestures by any player(s), spectator(s), or coaches directed towards scorekeepers, officials, or other participants will not be permitted. The official will issue a warning on the first occurrence, if abusive conditions continue the individual(s) in question will be ejected from the area. Please see rule #16 for participant ejection rule clarification.

15. ALCOHOL / DRUGS:

Alcoholic consumption or drug use on any City property is strictly prohibited. Any player(s) or spectator(s) believed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug will be immediately ejected from the area and will be suspended for a minimum of the next City of Long Beach league game played. If the player(s) or spectator(s) refuse to

leave the area, a forfeit will be called and the player(s) or spectator(s) will be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing before the Executive Committee. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

16. PARTICIPANT EJECTION:

Any player(s), spectator(s), or coach ejected before, during, or after any Long Beach Adult Sports League game will be automatically suspended a minimum of one (1) game, as well as the remainder of the game in which the suspension occurred. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension and until a decision is made by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. Following the ejection of a team or individual, the game will not continue until the ejected participant(s) vacate the area. Failure to vacate the premises will result in additional penalties.

17. MISSED GAMES:

In the event a game is not played for any reason, CONTINUE FOLLOWING YOUR CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING GAMES. PLEASE CONTACT THE SPORTS OFFICE OR THE SPORTS COORDINATOR FOR RESCHEDULING INFORMATION.

18. PLAYOFFS:

Single elimination tournament format will be utilized. The top four (4) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. In divisions with less than six (6) teams, the top three (3) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. Selected wild-card teams will be added if necessary. When appropriate, first and second round playoffs will be played on the usual night and location of league play. Nevertheless, teams must be available to play on other nights and locations, as well as multiple nights in the same week. EXCEPTION: Weekend Leagues, Winter Softball Leagues.

19. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:

Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in four (4) regular season games/matches to be eligible for the playoffs. EXCEPTION: Softball and Baseball – Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in four (4) regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.

20. TIE BREAKER:

In the event of a tie in the final standings of a league, the following tie breaker will be used: 1. total wins, 2. regular season head-to-head competition, 3. point differential between those teams, 4. fewest forfeits, 5. most points/runs scored for the season, 6. fewest points/runs allowed for the season, 7. coin toss. EXCEPTION: Volleyball will use rules 2 – 7. NOTE:

Volleyball League standings will be determined by total points scored during the season.

21. ILLEGAL PLAYERS:

An illegal player is: 1. A person playing on a team whose name and signature do not appear on that team's official roster or official add/drop forms. 2. A person on more than one (1) team roster in the same league or night/day (example: Tuesday D and Tuesday D1 or two teams in Tuesday D). NOTE: Any team found using illegal players will automatically forfeit any and all games in which the illegal player participated in. It is each teams' manager's responsibility to monitor or protest illegal players.

22. WEATHER/FIELD CONDITIONS:

If you are in doubt of weather or field conditions possibly affecting your game, please call the Long Beach Field Conditions Hotline at 562-570-1738 after 3:00pm on game day. Due to the large number of teams in our leagues, it is impossible for the League Coordinators to notify all team managers of cancelled game information. Teams should be prepared to play make-up games on any night or field and on short notice.

23. FIRST AID:

The City of Long Beach does not provide first aid at any Adult Sports facilities. It is recommended that the managers of each team bring any first aid items that they feel are necessary. Please see specific sports rules.

24. SCMAF BLOOD RULE:

Any player, coach, or official who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his/her body or clothing, is prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If first aid is required for a player, the player must be immediately removed from the game, unless treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time. A player, coach, or official will not be allowed to participate unless:

1. All bleeding has stopped
2. Any exposed cut/scrape which has bled is completely covered
3. Bloody clothing is removed

It is recommended that teams have spare clothing available at the game site to be used if necessary.

25. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS COORDINATOR:

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is the final authority for all on field/court and off field/court decisions (INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS) on any City of Long Beach Adult Sports League. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator has the authority to see to the safety of the participants, officials, spectators, and equipment at any City of Long Beach site or any site being used by any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League. If necessary, the City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is authorized to warn individuals of actions CONTRARY to the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook and eject any participant(s), spectator(s), or anyone else who does not comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook. This authority does not affect the official of the match in any way. It is in addition to that authority.

No rules or regulations dealing with a team's right to protest are changed by this supplement. Please see rule #11. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines schedule changes, league relocations, and team reclassification as necessary.

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines whether any games/matches are subject to suspension, replay, or forfeit as determined by the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook.

26. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports Executive Committee is the final authority for all clarification and interpretation of rules and regulations as outlined in the City of Long Beach Supplemental Rulebook and the Participant's Code of Conduct.

Kickball

Here are a few key rules that need to be noted. Also in **bold** in the body of the rules.

- 1. All games will last seven (7) innings or 50 minutes, whichever occurs first.**
- 2. Metal cleats are not allowed. Rubber-soled cleats are the recommended footwear for all teams however you may wear athletic closed toe shoes.**
- 3. No fielder can cross in front of the 1st-3rd diagonal before the ball is kicked. Fielders may cross the diagonal after the ball is kicked.**
- 4. Neither leading off nor stealing a base is allowed. A runner may advance once the ball is kicked. A runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.**
- 5. Peg outs are allowed. Hitting a runner's neck or head with the thrown ball is not allowed. Any runner hit in the neck or head is safe and advances to the base they were running toward when the ball hits the runner. If the runner intentionally uses the head or neck to block the ball, and is so called by the umpire, the runner is out. If a runner is struck in the head while sliding or ducking, the runner will be out.**
- 6. Bunting is allowed.**
- 7. A pitched ball, prior to reaching the kicker that exceeds one foot in height from the bottom of the ball immediately after passing through the strike zone will be called a ball.**
- 8. An out is recorded if a kicker has four (4) foul balls.**
- 9. All players must kick.**

10. Kicking order does not have to consist of male, female, male female. Manager will set line up prior to each game. Line up must be in order on scorecard.

11. In the event of a tie game, extra innings will be not be played.

12. One runner per inning /per gender. The runner will be the same gender as the person he/she is running for.

13. The player in the catcher position cannot pass the perimeter of the kicker's box until the ball is kicked.

14. Once the previous play has ended the pitcher has 20 seconds to pitch the ball. If a pitch is not attempted after 20 seconds then the kicker is awarded first base.

15. Once the previous play has ended the next kicker has 20 seconds to position himself/herself in the kicker's box and be ready for the pitch. If the kicker is not ready after 20 seconds a strike will be called.

ROSTER/PLAYERS:

A. All teams will defensively consist of ten (10) players. Games may be played without a forfeit with eight (8) roster players present at game time. Maximum roster size is sixteen (16) players.

B. Once the game has begun, a team may not play with seven (7) players resulting from ejection, injury, etc.

C. All players must be 18 years old or older to participate.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

A. Players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the season.

B. Players must sign the game scorecard prior to the first game. Failure to do so may result in the team's forfeit, or player declared ineligible.

C. ALL PLAYERS must sign the roster sheet and agree to abide by such rules.

ILLEGAL PLAYERS:

An Illegal player is:

1. A person playing on a team whose name and signature does not appear on that team's official roster or official add/drop form.

2. A person on more than one team roster in the same league. Any team found using illegal players will automatically forfeit any and all games in which the illegal player

participated in. It is each team managers' responsibility to monitor or protest illegal players.

PLAYER CONDUCT:

A. Each manager is responsible for the conduct of the team and spectators.

B. No player or coach may address any official, player, or spectator with equipment in hand. This applies to all participants, spectators, and coaches before, during, or after the game. Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the game.

1. FIGHTING: Any team, player(s), or spectator(s) fighting before, during or after any of the games will be ejected from the area immediately. The area consists of the court, parking lot, and any portion of City property. If a team, player, or spectator refuses to leave the area or stop fighting, the police will be called and additional team and individual penalties will be assessed. The player will not participate in any future tournament games.

2. TRASH TALKING/VERBAL ABUSE: Abusive language and/or gestures by any player(s), spectator(s), or coaches directed towards scorekeepers, officials, or other participants will not be permitted. The official will issue a warning on the first offense, if abusive conditions continue the individual(s) in question will be ejected from the area. The person will not participate in any future tournament games.

3. ALCOHOL/DRUGS: Alcoholic consumption or drug use on any City property is strictly prohibited. Any player(s) or spectator(s) believed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug will be immediately ejected from the area and the player will not participate in any future tournament games.

4. PARTICIPANT EJECTION: If any player is ejected from the game, the player must leave the premise and not participate in the rest of the game and also the following game.

PLAY REGULATIONS:

1. OFFICIAL LINEUP:

The manager must provide a lineup to the umpire before the start of the game. Late arriving players may be added to the bottom of the batting order.

2. DEFENSE: All teams will defensively consist of ten (10) players. Teams must field at least eight (8) players and no more than ten (10) players. The tenth (10) player must play the position of the catcher. Teams must have five (5) female players on the field when they field a team on ten (10) players. If teams have nine (9) or eight (8) players,

teams can have five (5) males and four (4) females or vice versa. If a team consists of eight (8) players, the team must have four (4) females and four (4) males.

3. LENGTH OF GAME/GAME TIMES:

- A. All games will last seven (7) innings or 50 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- B. An inning that begins within the time limit will be completed unless it is the last half of an inning and the home team is ahead.
- C. A game that is called off by the Referee for any reason before three (3) full innings of play shall not be considered a regulation game. The sports committee, based on score or conditions of forfeit, i.e., fighting, player ejection, etc. will determine the winner.

4. APPROVED FOOTWEAR:

A. Metal cleats are not allowed. Rubber-soled cleats are the recommended footwear for all teams however you may wear athletic closed toe shoes.

- B. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will be asked to change. If a player refuses to change cleats, does not have another pair of legal cleats, or is not legally substituted out of the game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.

5. HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM:

The home team will occupy the third (3rd) base dugout.

6. PITCHING DISTANCE/PITCHING STRIP:

- A. The pitching distance will be forty-six (46) feet.
- B. The field will be marked with a pitching strip. The pitcher must have at least one foot on or directly behind the pitching strip when releasing the ball.
- C. The pitcher may pitch from any location within the box. The Pitcher's Box will be treated the same as a pitching plate for rule purposes.

7. PITCHING and CATCHING:

- A. Bouncies are allowed
- B. The pitcher must start the act of pitching with at least one foot on or directly behind the pitching strip when releasing the ball.
- C. The pitcher must pitch the ball by hand.
- D. Once the ball is returned to the pitcher and the pitcher is in the pitching square, time is called and runners must go back to the original base.
- E. No fielder may cross in front of the 1st-3rd diagonal before the ball is kicked. Fielders may cross the line after the ball is kicked. If a player attempting to field the ball crosses the line before the ball is kicked then the runner is awarded 1st base.
- F. The catcher must play behind the kicker, within or directly behind the kicking box and may not cross home plate until the ball is kicked.
- G. A ball kicked directly into the air within infield with runners standing on base may not be dropped on purpose for an attempt at a double play.

H. Outfielders must remain on the grass and may not come into the infield for any reason to make a play. Only one foot is permitted to step into the infield during the act of throwing a ball.

8. RUNNING and SCORING:

- A. Runners must stay in the baseline.
- B. Fielders must stay out of the baseline.
- C. Neither leading off nor stealing a base is allowed. A runner may advance once the ball is kicked. A runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.
- D. A runner must touch the orange safety bag when running through 1st base. If the runner touches the white bag during a close play, the runner will be deemed out.
- E. A kicker who runs through 1st base must turn to the outside of the foul line.
- F. Peg outs are allowed. Hitting a runner's neck or head with the thrown ball is not allowed. Any runner hit in the neck or head is safe and advances to the base they were running toward when the ball hits the runner. If the runner intentionally uses the head or neck to block the ball, and is so called by the umpire, the runner is out. If a runner is struck in the head while sliding or ducking, the runner will be out.

Base Running & Out Of Play:

- A. An overthrow is a ball thrown, kicked, or deflected into out of play territory; the runner will advance one base.
- B. Running past another runner is not allowed. The passing runner is out.

9. STRIKE and BALL RULE:

A strike is:

- A. A pitch that is not kicked that enters any part of the strike zone
- B. An attempted kick missed by the kicker inside or outside of the strike zone
- C. A count of three (3) strikes they are out

A ball is:

- A. A pitch outside of the strike zone as judged by the Referee where a kick is not attempted.
- B. A pitched ball that does not touch the ground at least twice or roll before reaching the kicking box.
- C. A pitched ball that exceeds one foot in height from the bottom of the ball during the last bounce prior to reaching the kicking box.
- D. A pitched ball, prior to reaching the kicker that exceeds one foot in height from the bottom of the ball immediately after passing through the strike zone.
- E. A pitched ball that is higher than one foot at the plate.
- F. A count of four (4) balls advances the kicker to first base.
- G. An out is recorded if a kicker has four (4) foul balls.

10. KICKING ORDER:

A. All team members must kick on the written score sheet order but do not have to field.

B. When a player is ejected from the game, or removed from the game due to injury, an out will be recorded in that spot the next time that person would have kicked. This will become the new kicking order.

11. MERCY RULE:

A game may end any time after five (5) innings when a team is behind by ten (10) runs or more and has completed its turn kicking.

A game may end any time after six (6) innings when a team is behind by eight (8) runs or more and has completed its turn kicking.

FORFEIT TIME:

A. There is a ten (10) minute grace period for the first game only. All other games will start on time as scheduled.

B. Games will be forfeited if:

1. A team cannot field eight (8) players at game time
2. A team found to have used an illegal or non-roster player
3. A team continues to harass the Referee or if the Referee feels the situation is such that a physical harm may come to him/herself, other players, or spectators
4. Any player consuming any alcoholic beverages on the playing fields, park facility, or parking lots. Teams who violate this rule before, during, and after a game will forfeit the game and will be suspended from the league. If a manager knowingly allows a member of the team to participate under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they will be subject to suspension. Any violation of these rules could result in criminal prosecution.

OFFICIALS /SCOREKEEPING:

A. One (1) Referee per game. The Referee keeps the official score and time.

B. Managers will be given a score card to put the team lineup on it. The score card will be kept at home plate with the Referee and manager must sign at the completion of the game the scorecard.

C. It is the responsibility of the managers to verify the score at the end of the game. Both teams should keep score and keep the score after each inning.

PLAYOFFS/TIE BREAKERS:

A. In the event of a tie record after pool play:

1. Head to head victory
2. Runs scored

B. Home team will be decided on the seeding of the teams. The higher standing team receives Home advantage.

C. No mercy will be in effect for the Championship Game, however the mercy rule will be in effect for any other playoff games.

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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, participant or spectator.
- 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