

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD or District) Adult Sports program is to provide an opportunity for the community to participate in organized sports that encourage fun, fitness, and friendly competition.

CARD's Players' Code of Conduct (Code) applies to all players, coaches, and managers participating in CARD Adult Sports programs. CARD staff have the authority to enforce penalties for violations of the Code. CARD staff will determine and enforce appropriate sanctions for infractions not detailed below.

Participants violating the Code will be suspended until the incident has been reviewed by CARD administration. Suspensions apply to all CARD sports leagues. CARD reserves the right to suspend players and forfeit games for Code violations. If a violation occurs at the end of the season, the suspension will be enforced in the following season.

Disparaging or insulting remarks, use of expletives, and negative comments constitute unsportsmanlike behavior and will not be tolerated. CARD reserves the right to remove any person whose conduct does not meet expectations from the premises. Teams may also be removed if negative behavior continues.

Coaches and team managers must ensure their players and spectators respect our staff, directing any questions about officials' calls to gym supervisors only. CARD staff can eject anyone for disrespectful, unsafe, or unsportsmanlike behavior, which may also lead to suspension from future CARD programming.

Recurring offenses and violations are cumulative and shall incur consequences beyond the minimum penalties.

CODE OF CONDUCT**1. MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning**

No Player Shall:

- a. Use profane, obscene, or vulgar language or gestures at any time.
- b. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent. Examples: arguing, throwing gloves, balls, bats, or dunking the basketball.
- c. Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by such official, except the manager or captain.
- d. Smoke at the program site.
- e. Possess or consume alcoholic beverages of any kind at the program site.

2. MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation

CARD staff will immediately remove player(s) from further play and be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. Penalties may include forfeiture of the game by one or both teams involved.

No Player Shall:

- a. Use abusive verbal attacks upon any persons at the program site.
- b. Have unsportsmanlike conduct or unnecessarily rough tactics towards any persons at the program site.
- c. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
- d. Engage in physical aggression upon anyone at the program site.

3. MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension

CARD staff will immediately remove player(s) from further play and be placed on suspension for the remainder of the season. Penalties may include forfeiture of the game by one or both teams involved.

No Player Shall:

- a. Falsify any player's identification in an official league or tournament game, whether such falsification was intentional or otherwise, and with or without that person's knowledge.
 - i. *Penalties include minimum suspension for one game and one year probation.*
- b. Appear upon the field/court of play at any time in an intoxicated condition.
 - i. *Penalties include a minimum two-game suspension and probation for the remainder of the season.*
- c. Physically touch CARD staff.
 - i. *Penalties include minimum suspension for one year and probation for one year after reinstatement.*
- d. Verbally or physically threaten CARD staff.
 - i. *Penalties include minimum suspension for the remainder of the season and probation for one year after reinstatement.*
- e. Physical attack as an aggressor upon any persons at the program site. Players who are attacked and fight back will be dealt with individually as retaliatory behavior is not accepted.
 - i. Penalty includes *minimum* suspension for one year.