

## PLAYER CONDUCT

All participants shall behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct such as aggressive play, profanity, derogatory remarks, physical/verbal abuse, trash talking, taunting, fighting, unnecessarily rough tactics, threatening, charging, refusing to abide by umpires decision, throwing any foreign matters, mocking, drinking, intoxication, smoking, or using altered/illegal bats will not be tolerated.

### A. PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the direct responsibility of the Team Manager to educate all team members with the PARTICIPANT'S Code of Conduct as prescribed in the City of Santa Clarita Softball League Bylaws and SCMAF Rule Book. **INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES ARE REFERENCED IN THE PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT.** The term **PARTICIPANT** as used in the Player's Code of Conduct shall apply to all team personnel such as the manager, coaches, scorekeeper, sponsors, players, substitutes, fans, etc. The PARTICIPANT'S Code of Conduct shall apply before, during, and after any City League Game.

- B. The Adult Sport Supervisor takes disciplinary action based on the events surrounding the player's ejection.
- C. Any player ejected/suspended from a game for any reason shall leave the park immediately. The ejected player will not be permitted to attend games (playing field or dugout) during the suspension period. Failure to cooperate with this rule will result in further suspensions and team forfeitures. If the infraction is serious as ruled by the Adult Sports Supervisor, the individual will face permanent suspension from all Adult Sports activities for a period of time as determined by the Adult Sports Supervisor (typically one calendar year). All cases will be reviewed and acted upon by the Adult Sports Supervisor. If the ejected player would like to meet and discuss his/her suspension with the Adult Sports Supervisor, the request must be submitted in a timely manner.
- D. A one game suspension = 7 calendar days (i.e. a player who gets suspended on Monday cannot play for any team on any night for a total of 7 consecutive days, the player would be eligible to return the following Tuesday)

#### ❖ EJECTION RULES –

- **ANY PLAYER, COACH, or MANAGER** thrown out of a game for any reason, will automatically be suspended from participating in the next game for his/her team. The incident will also be reviewed by the Recreation Supervisor and a possible longer suspension may follow.
- **ANY PLAYER, COACH or MANAGER** ejected from a total of two (2) games in the same season will be suspended for the remainder of that season. The two games do not have to be from the same league or division

If two players from the same team are ejected at any time from the game for any reason, the game will be called a forfeit in favor of the opposing team.

#### ❖ PHYSICAL / VERBAL ABUSE -

- **ANY PLAYER, COACH, or MANAGER** thrown out of a game for verbally threatening any other player, an umpire or spectator will automatically be suspended from participating in the next **TWO GAMES** for his/her team. The incident will also be reviewed by the Recreation Supervisor and a possible longer suspension may follow.
- **ANY PLAYER, COACH, or MANAGER** who attacks, physically abuses or threatens to push, shove, or strike an umpire, player, or staff member may be permanently banned from participation in Adult Sports with the City of Santa Clarita.
- **ANY PLAYER, COACH or MANAGER** who verbally references or any physical gestures that relate to hitting "at the middle", "Box", "The Pitcher" or anything that could be interpreted as having that meaning in a Softball League Game will be ejected on the spot and will receive a **TWO GAME** suspension.



City of Santa Clarita  
Recreation and Community Services Department



Adult Sports

*The City of Santa Clarita Recreation and Community Services Department have adopted the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) "Code of Conduct" as guidelines for sportsmanship in all City of Santa Clarita Adult Sports programs. This Code of Conduct has a zero tolerance policy and applies to all team personnel (including players, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, sponsors, and substitutes) and applies to all before, during, and after games. Adult Sports staff reserves the right to rule on any violations covered or not covered under the Code of Conduct.*

**PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Consume alcohol before, during, or after a game while on City property (including City parking lots) and/or appear on the field of play, at any time, intoxicated or under the influence of. Municipal Code Sec 14.06.140

MINIMUM PENALTY: Game forfeit (Team) and placed on probation the remainder of the season.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Permanently banned.

NOTE: *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) year.*

2. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Refuse to abide by the official's decision.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

NOTE: *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game.*

3. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations by throwing of equipment or any other forceful action.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

NOTE: *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game.*

4. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Be guilty of heaping personal, physical attacks (laying a hand upon, pushing, shoving or striking) upon any player or representative of the City of Santa Clarita, (umpire, league staff.) for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment before, during, or after a game. All persons shall act with respect towards others; respect their privacy, and personal safety.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game and minimum one (1) games suspension.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: One (1) year probation and/or one (1) year suspension.

NOTE: *Local law enforcement will be notified (Physical Attack). If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) year.*

5. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game and minimum two (2) games suspension.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Permanently banned.

NOTE: *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) year.*

6. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL: Be involved in a physical altercation (fight) as the aggressor or retaliator. Abusive language or disrespect towards a staff member, volunteer, another participant or member of the public.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game and two (2) games suspension.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: One (1) year suspension.

NOTE: *If two or more players from a team are involved in a fight then it will be considered a team fight and the respective team or teams will receive a forfeit. It will be at the leagues discretion to eject one team or both teams from the league.*

NOTE: *Local law enforcement will be notified. If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) year.*

7. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, spectator, or representative of the City of Santa Clarita. Discourtesy or rudeness to a fellow participant, staff member or volunteer. Verbal, physical, or visual harassment of another participant, staff member or member of the public of any kind.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from game and park.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Two (2) game suspension.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than two (2) game suspension.*

8. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Use profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner, or at any time.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning from Official.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game and one game suspension.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*

9. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Smoke while in a park/city facility. Per City of Santa Clarita Municipal Code Sec 9.50.055

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*

10. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of discussing publicly with the spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner, any play, decision, or personal opinion of other players during the game.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*

11. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of using illegal equipment. Example: a bat that has been altered in any way. Altering includes, but is not limited to: sanding, filing, shaving, lengthening, shortening, weight-altering, excessive taping, painting, heating, and cooling.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Possibly permanently banned.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) year suspension.*

12. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Be guilty of showboating (displaying inappropriate behavior when one team dominates the other). Showboating includes, but is not limited to: not putting forth the effort to play a game when one team has outscored the other, taunting the other team.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by the official.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*

13. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Permit anyone to remain in the dugout, on the team's bench, or on the field/court of play that is not a rostered player or coach.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by the official.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*

14. **NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:** Permit the use of any equipment or device which, in the sole judgement of the game official, compromises the safety of participants. This includes the use of radios or similar devices on the person of a player, in the dugout, or in spectator viewing area, which might inhibit the ability of players to hear verbal calls and/or instructions by the official.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by the official and discontinued use of the device  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**NOTE:** *If multiple infractions occur, penalty could be greater than one (1) game suspension.*