

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

These leagues are sponsored by the City of Lake Forest Community Services Department. **SPORTSMANSHIP RATES HIGH IN OUR LEAGUES, EVEN ABOVE WINNING**, and the League Director reserves the right to deny any team admittance to the City of Lake Forest Adult Softball Leagues if he feels that their past conduct (in the City of Lake Forest or any other city) is not representative of good sportsmanship and may create a hazard to the well-being of the other players and participants. **The City of Lake Forest Community Services Department also reserves the right to deny awards to any team or teams engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior during any part of the season (including playoffs).**

1. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Lay a hand upon, push, shove, or strike, or threaten to strike an official.

**PENALTY**: The player(s) shall be immediately ejected from the game and banned from participating in the City of Lake Forest Adult Sports Program and may be legally prosecuted for assault.

2. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Refuse to abide by an official's decision.

**PENALTY**: The player(s) shall be immediately suspended and shall be suspended for at least the following game (possibly more).

3. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations by throwing of gloves, bats, balls or any other forceful action.

**PENALTY**: The degree of infraction of this rule of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment, draw a minimum penalty of warning to a maximum penalty of removal from the game. Officials are required to immediately suspend from further play, any player who throws a bat in an unsportsmanlike manner.

4. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of inflicting personal, verbal abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to immediately eject the player from the game and report the player to the League Director.

5. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official except the manager or captain.

**PENALTY**: The degree of infraction of this rule of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment, draw a minimum penalty of warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game.

6. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to immediately suspend the player from further play.

7. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor, upon any player, official or spectator.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to immediately suspend the player from further play and report such player to the League. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been reviewed by the League Director. The length of suspension will depend on the incident but will usually involve several weeks to expulsion. Any player ejected for fighting, the player will be suspended for all league play for one (1) full year.

8. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.

**PENALTY**: The degree of infraction of this rule of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment, draw a minimum penalty of warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game. Any player(s) who continues with this type of conduct throughout the season may be barred from future leagues.

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

**PENALTY**: The degree of infraction of this rule of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment, draw a minimum penalty of warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game. Any player(s) who continues with this type of conduct throughout the season may be barred from future leagues.

10. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Appear on the field of play at any time in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of a controlled substance.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to immediately suspend player(s) from play and report same to the League Director. Player(s) will be expelled for the remainder of the season.

**NOTE: No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are permitted in any park before, during and/or after games. Forfeiture of game may result if this occurs, along with expulsion from the league. Players violating this rule will be suspended immediately.**

11. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of the game with spectator, player or opponent.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to report violations of this rule to the League Director.

12. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Smoke or chew tobacco during the game on the field, in the dugout or in the bleacher area.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to warn players guilty of infraction of this rule, and failure of such players to comply will result in his/her removal from the game.

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

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to warn players guilty of infraction of this rule, and failure of such players to comply will result in his/her removal from the game.

14. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Permit any one to remain in the dugout or on the player's bench during the game who is not a playing member of the team.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to warn members of the team guilty of violation of this rule. Failure on the part of team members to enforce this rule will result in team being reported to the League Director for further action.

15. **NO PLAYER SHALL**: Be guilty of intentionally throwing his bat.

**PENALTY**: Officials are required to immediately remove player from the game.

Team Manager (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ Team Manager (sign) \_\_\_\_\_