

Tulare Parks and Recreation Department

Adult Athletic League Player Code of Conduct

This "Player Code of Conduct", as adopted by the Recreation and Parks Commission, shall apply to all players and managers involved in City-sponsored athletic programs. Minimum and maximum penalties have been established for specific infractions; however, it is anticipated that from time to time unique circumstances may necessitate varied action.

SECTION A

1. **NO PLAYER SHALL** at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an official. Officials are required to immediately suspend the player from further play and report such player to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from department sponsored activities for a period of one year.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Permanent suspension from all department sponsored athletic leagues.

2. **NO PLAYER SHALL** refuse to abide by an official's decision. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official(s).

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for remainder of the season.

3. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at any official's decision. Penalty - the degree of infraction of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgement, draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game and two game suspension.

4. **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 good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgement, draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game and two game suspension.

5. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately suspend players from

further play and report such player to the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from department sponsored athletic activities for a period of one year.

6. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Permanent suspension from all department sponsored athletic leagues and/or assault charges filed.

7. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of threatening verbal attacks upon any player, official or spectator for any real or imaginary wrongdoing or judgement. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from further play and report such player to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from two league games and placed on probation for remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from the remainder of the season.

8. **NO PLAYER SHALL** appear upon the field of play at any time in an intoxicated condition. Officials are required to immediately suspend player from play and report such player to the League Director for further consideration.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from three league games and placed on probation for remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension from the remainder of the season.

9. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of games with any spectator, player or opponent. Officials are required to report violation of this rule to the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by League Director and placed on probation for remainder of the season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for remainder of the season.

10. **NO PLAYER SHALL** smoke while coming off or going on the field of play, or while on the field of play.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning from official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

11. **NO PLAYER SHALL** be guilty of discussing publicly with spectators, in a derogatory or abusive manner, any play, decision, or his/her personal opinion of other players or officials during the game. Penalty – the degree of infraction of this good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgement, draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning from official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

SECTION B

1. Any player or team being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and is determined as violating the "Code of Conduct" for a second time will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
2. A player removed from a game is required to immediately leave the park and/or school area. Officials are required to immediately suspend play until the offending player has vacated the premises. If the player has not departed within a maximum time period of five minutes, the game will be forfeited and the player will be suspended from further seasonal participation.
3. A third penalty of suspension occurring in any City-sponsored athletic program within any three year period by a single player or team manager will carry an automatic one year suspension from all Department-sponsored athletic leagues. This section may be superseded by a single infraction that may automatically impose a similar penalty.
4. Misconduct on the part of any player may be justification for the removal of the team from the league.
5. No team manager, player or spectator will have in their possession while occupying the player bench, spectator bleachers, or immediate activity area an open alcoholic beverage. Offense of this rule is game forfeiture, team probation and suspension of offending player or players for the remainder of the current season. A second offense of this rule will result in suspension of the team for the remainder of the season.
6. Disciplinary actions, including game suspensions, may be carried over to the next year.