

## Sports Code of Conduct

All rules will be strictly enforced. Misconduct may result in the penalizing of any and all individuals or teams involved and include events related to Cactus Cities Softball League, ASANA and NAGAAA.

The term "individual" includes but is not limited to: manager, coach, player, and spectator.

The term "official" includes but is not limited to: umpire, league director, tournament director, and city and park staff.

Each team is responsible for the conduct of its individuals.

1. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of any demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. No Individual except the Manager, Coach or Captain Shall: Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by such official.
3. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing gloves, bats, balls; or any other forceful action.
4. No Individual Shall: Use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field.
5. No Individual Shall: Drink alcoholic beverages in any city facility parking lot. Alcoholic beverage permits are restricted.
6. No Coach, Manager or Player Shall: Drink alcoholic beverages while playing in any league or tournament games.
7. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the playing field.
8. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of throwing gloves, bats, balls or any other object in the direction of another individual.
9. No Individual Shall: At any time threaten any form of physical attack upon an official or individual.
10. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game.
11. No Individual Shall: Appear on the field of play at any time in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any type of drug that may infringe upon the individual's safety or the safety of others.
12. No Individual Shall: Be guilty of damaging, destroying or stealing property of any kind.
13. No Individual Shall: At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or be guilty of any form of physical attack upon an official or individual.

## **Sports Code of Conduct Enforcement**

All rules will be strictly enforced. In most cases (but not all), violations (even if they are only perceived violations) of:

- items one (1) and/or two (2) will most likely result in a warning,
- items three (3), four (4), and/or five (5) will most likely result in a warning or possible ejection,
- items six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), and/or ten (10) will most likely result in ejection from the game or possible league or tournament suspension,
- and finally items eleven (11), twelve (12), and/or thirteen (13) will most likely result in a league or tournament suspension.

By signing the CCSL liability waiver, each League member agrees to abide by the Sports Code of Conduct at all times when attending any CCSL sanctioned event. Furthermore, each League member acknowledges that League officials and umpires reserve the right to punish any perceived infringement of unsportsmanlike conduct or violation of the Sports Code of Conduct, which could result in punishment including but not limited to removal from all CCSL events and membership.

Certain penalties, such as warnings and ejections from games, that are enforced by officials of games, and decisions made by any such officials, will be adhered to by the Executive Committee. Commission members, including team representatives, are expected to enforce the Sports Code of Conduct and report any violations to a member of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee members may enforce penalties at the time of infraction.

The suspension of any individual by a member of the Executive Committee will remain in effect until the suspension is reviewed and the appropriate penalty is determined. The available members of the Executive Committee may postpone the suspension subject to review.

An Individual ejected from a game by any official will be suspended from all League and tournament play until the ejection is reviewed and the appropriate penalty is determined. The available members of the Executive Committee may postpone the suspension subject to review.

The Executive Committee will determine the penalty within a reasonable time limit but no later than the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The severity of an infraction will determine the penalty. Past violations will be considered when determining the appropriate penalty.

Penalties may include but are not limited to:

- Warning
- Ejection of the Individual from the game
- League probation
- Suspension of the individual or the team for one or more games
- Suspension of the individual or the team for the remainder of the season
- Monetary fine

Any individual may appeal his/her penalty or the finding of the members of the Executive Committee to the entire Commission at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.