

## SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT - RULE 8

- C. Disciplinary Policy - The CT American Legion Program has adopted the following Disciplinary Action Policy. The provisions of this policy shall be in effect from one hour prior to the scheduled start of the game, throughout the game, and one hour after the completion, suspension or termination of the game.

1. MAJOR INFRACTION shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Non-consensual or reckless physical contact or attempting to make physical contact or any threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, bumping, kicking, intentionally spitting, throwing at or attempting to make physical contact with an umpire or opposing player or fan.
- b. Spitting, throwing or kicking anything at an umpire or any game participant.
- c. Participating in a physical altercation.
- d. Conduct otherwise considered a minor infraction that, by its nature, is judged to have included intent to incite a major infraction. This rule is designed to prevent "baiting".

2. MINOR INFRACTION shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Undue use of profanity towards any game participant
- b. Verbal abuse of umpires or any game participant.
- c. Intentionally throwing Equipment
- d. Malicious contact (as defined in National Rule 1.E.2. Clarification) will be judged case by case by the umpires as to whether a MAJOR or MINOR infraction is to be assigned.
- e. Any coach who criticizes an umpire in a public forum (defined as comments or quotes in the media and public meetings. The individual name of an umpire does not have to be included for this penalty to be imposed).
- f. Any other conduct deemed by the umpire to be unsportsmanlike and warranting this penalty.

3. Punishment – Any player, coach, manager or bench personnel found guilty of a MAJOR infraction will be suspended for a minimum of four games and the suspension could be season-ending depending on the circumstance. If the person incurs a second major infraction he shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Any player, coach, manager or bench personnel found guilty of one MINOR infraction will be suspended for a minimum of two games. If he receives a third minor infraction, he shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

A player ejected out at one level of play (senior or junior), can not play for the other level of play on the same day they are ejected.

Any player suspended for the remainder of the season at one age level is also ineligible at the other age level.