

MEN'S SUNDAY ROSE PARK SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

CONDUCT AND ACTIONS: "Player" refers to any participant in an organized recreational activity, including players, managers, coaches, umpires, or sponsors.

(A) Player Conduct: The manager is responsible for controlling their players' actions on the bench, on the field, and off the field. Managers, coaches, and players are accountable for their behavior from the time they arrive at the park until they leave.

(B) Unsportsmanlike Conduct: No individual shall interfere with, hinder, threaten, harass, or intimidate any player, umpire, or league director. Such behavior disrupts the enjoyment and integrity of the league and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from participation in Rose Park softball games and all sponsored events.

(C) Bullying: Bullying, whether on or off the field—including during games, events, or on social media—will not be tolerated. Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior involving a real or perceived power imbalance. This includes derogatory remarks, profanity, obscene gestures, threats, or harassment of officials, players, or spectators.

(D) Violations and Disciplinary Action: Violations of this code may result in disciplinary measures, including suspension or removal from the league.

(E) Derogatory Remarks: Profanity, obscenity, threats, or other abusive language directed at game umpires, league directors, players, or spectators will not be tolerated. These infractions may lead to disciplinary action, including removal from participation at Rose Park and all sponsored events. Managers are responsible for controlling the conduct of their players on the bench.

(F) Physical Confrontations: Fighting is defined as any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. This includes, but is not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent with arms, hands, legs, or feet, whether or not contact occurs. Any "Player" (as defined above) involved in a physical confrontation will be ejected immediately and may face further disciplinary action, including a suspension of one year or more.

(G) Throwing Equipment: Deliberately throwing a bat or other equipment in anger or frustration will result in immediate ejection from the game without warning. This may lead to further disciplinary action, including removal from league participation.

- If a player accidentally tosses or flips a bat, the umpire will issue a team warning. A repeated violation will result in the offending player's ejection from the game.

(H) Judgment Calls: All calls regarding balls and strikes are final and cannot be disputed. Arguing over judgment calls will result in a team warning. A repeat offense will lead to the ejection of the offending player, manager, or coach, with the potential for further disciplinary action (one game or more).

- Umpires' decisions on judgment calls—such as whether a ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out—are final.

(I) Team Spokesperson: Only the manager or coach is permitted to confer with an official regarding a disputed play. These conferences must be kept brief and conducted respectfully. Constant arguing, harassment, or intimidation will not be tolerated and may lead to ejection and further disciplinary action, including removal from league participation.

(J) Player Ejections: Any participant who violates this code of conduct may be ejected from the game.

- When an umpire ejects a player, the player must produce a valid photo ID that includes their name. The manager/coach must comply with the umpire's request. Failure to cooperate may result in additional disciplinary action, including removal from league participation.
- Ejected players must leave the field of play immediately, including the player bench and surrounding areas. Umpires have the authority to eject offenders from the park if necessary. Ejected individuals must leave the premises without delay. The manager/coach is responsible for ensuring the player complies with these rules. If the manager/coach is ejected, a team representative may take their place.
- If an ejected player continues to harass the umpire, the manager/coach will be warned to control their player. Failure to do so will result in the opposing team being awarded a forfeit victory.
- In cases of severe unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting or complete loss of team control, the umpire has the authority to declare a forfeit without warning.
- The Sunday Rose Park Softball Board (Directors only) will notify ejected players of any disciplinary action within five days of the infraction. Players have no recourse to appeal the Board's decision.
- Disciplinary action may include suspension from all league games and sponsored events. Violating the Board's disciplinary decision will result in additional suspension games, up to and including permanent removal from the league.

SUSPENSIONS: The Sunday Rose Park Softball Board reserves the right to discipline any player for rule violations without recourse.