



City of Victorville Community Services Department
Recreation Services Division
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SPORTS
PLAYERS/SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Introductory Statement: The following code of conduct shall apply to all participants in City of Victorville Recreation division leagues and tournaments and will be enforced before, during and after all games. Participants/Spectators who remain on City property after their scheduled games are still representing the league and are governed by the Code of Conduct. The Community Services manager reserves the right to impose stronger or lesser penalties than indicated on the Code of Conduct as dictated by individual circumstances. Participants/Spectators who have been removed from any game or league may not be present at the event site for the duration of the penalty.

1. **NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such player/coach to League Director. Such player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director. Officials are required to ask spectator to leave the premises.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension from 1 league game, placed on probation for the remainder of season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of day.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension from all City Recreation activities and/or assault charges filed. Spectator: Banned for remainder of season from premises and/or assault charges filed.

2. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Refuse to abide by official's decisions. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such player/coach to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Banned from all City Recreation activities.

3. **NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL:** Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at officials decision. Penalty: The degree of infraction of this principle of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game/premises and referred to the League Director for further action..

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 this principle of good sportsmanship shall in the official's judgment draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game/premises.

5. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately warn the player and the coach one time. If the rough tactics continue, the official must suspend the player from the game and report such player to League Director.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Banned from all City Recreation activities.

6. **NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL:** Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such player/coach to the League Director. Such player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director. Officials are required to ask spectator to leave the premises. The police may be called.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension from two league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of day.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension for life and/or assault charges filed. Spectator: Banned for life from premises and/or assault charges filed.

7. **NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL:** Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend player/coach from game and report such player/coach to the League Director. Such player/coach shall remain suspended until his/her case has been considered by the League Director. Officials are required to ask spectator to discontinue behavior. If behavior is not stopped, officials are required to ask spectator to leave premises.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Player: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of game.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension from two league games, placed on probation for the remainder of season. Spectator: Banned from premises for two weeks from date of incident.

8. NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL: Use foul or obscene language or provoking gestures while on the playing field, side lines, court, dugout, or bench. Penalty: The degree of infraction of this principle of good sportsmanship shall in the officials judgment draw:

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning from official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game/premises.

9. NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR SHALL: Appear upon the field of play, dugout, or bleachers at any time during league play under the influence of alcohol or drugs, nor shall a player/spectator drink alcohol or indulge in drugs, before during or directly after the game. Under City ordinance drinking is prohibited in City parks. Official will immediately suspend player from game and report same to League Director for further consideration. Any person engaging in above mentioned activity will be asked to leave the premises.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Player: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of day.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension for remainder of the season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of season.

10. NO PLAYER/SPECTATOR 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: Player: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season. Spectator: Asked to discontinue activity. If activity does not stop, spectator will be asked to leave premises.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Player: Suspension for remainder of the season. Spectator: Banned from premises for remainder of season.

11. NO PLAYER SHALL: Smoke while on the field of play.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning from the official.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Removal from the game.

SPECIAL NOTES: Any player placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported AGAIN for violating any aspect of the "Code of Conduct" may be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Any player removed from a game may be required to leave the park or facility immediately. Failure to do so may carry a maximum penalty of suspension for remainder of season.

Any spectator asked to leave the premises must do so immediately. If he/she fails to comply, the police will be called.

Players may be suspended from all leagues if deemed appropriate by the Recreation Services Manager.