

# ADULT SOFTBALL PLAYER CONDUCT GUIDELINES



The following "Adult Softball Player Conduct Guidelines" have been adopted by the Spanish Fork City Parks & Recreation Department. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced in the Adult Recreation Softball Leagues throughout the year. Penalties for conduct violations could carry over from sport to sport.

*It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure all their players know and adhere to these rules. All Adult Softball Player Conduct Guidelines are enforced before, during and after the game.*

- NO PLAYER SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, threaten or be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor or in retaliation upon any umpire, player, or spectator anywhere on the premises. Umpires 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 case has been considered.

**Minimum Penalty:** Suspension for one (1) additional league games and placed on probation for the rest of the season. (Including postseason tournaments)

**Maximum Penalty:** Placed on suspension for life (from any Spanish Fork Adult Sports Programs), and/or assault charges filed.
- NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of verbally abusive behavior, using profanity or swearing before, during or after a game. **All swear words count, not just the ones you consider swear words!**

**Minimum Penalty:** Must sit on bench three (3) complete innings & take an automatic out in their spot in the batting order. The team may fill their spot defensively if they have enough extra players.

**Maximum Penalty:** Ejection from game or more at the discretion of the Recreation Staff.
- NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics (before, during or after a game) against the body or person of an opposing player. Umpires are required to immediately suspend players from further play and report such player to the League Director.

**Minimum Penalty:** Removal from the game, and take automatic out in batting order.

**Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for one (1) additional league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- NO PLAYER SHALL:** Discuss with an umpire in any manner the decision reached by such an umpire except by the coach or captain. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent at an umpire's decision. Refuse to abide by umpire's decision. Deliberately throwing of the bat.

**Minimum Penalty:** Must sit on bench three (3) complete innings and take an automatic out in their spot in the batting order.

**Maximum Penalty:** Discretion of Recreation Staff. (Possible Suspensions)
- Players are prohibited from the use of drugs or alcohol anywhere on city property or any playing area. Players who in the opinion of the umpires, site supervisor or director appear to have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs, shall be ejected from the game, placed on probation, must meet with recreation staff, and could include possible suspensions.

6. Player conduct violations during pre-season, season, and postseason will be penalized as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Violation:**            **Must sit on bench for three (3) complete innings and take an automatic out in their spot in the line up from time of violation.** (Will carry over to next game)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Violation:**            **Remainder of current game including automatic outs and suspension from one (1) additional game. Player will also receive a letter from the program director placing him/her on probation.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Violation:**            **Suspension for remainder of season. No refund will be given!**

**\*\* NOTE \*\***                **A player is allowed three (3) violations for the season regardless of how many different teams he/she plays for. Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation, the player will be dropped from all teams that he/she is participating on.**

7. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in a forfeit to your team.

8. Players not listed on the official roster (who have paid and signed the waiver form) will not be allowed to play! Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught and be banned from postseason tournament play. If caught during the tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.

9. A game may be stopped at any time by the umpires, site supervisor, director or program management staff, if the situation warrants.

10. The Recreation staff has final authority over all disputes!