

SOFTBALL - Player Code of Conduct



Participants in our city-wide adult sports program are held to a high standard of behavior. The league director is responsible for administering these standards based on incident reports filled out by the referees. Team captains may submit their own reports via email within 24 hours of incident.

A “zero” tolerance policy has been instituted for unsportsmanlike behavior in our programs since 2009. In line with our “zero” tolerance policy SPRD prohibits discrimination of any kind based on age, color, gender, national origin, physical impairment, political affiliation, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Below is a list of areas of concern and the penalties that accompany them. **This is to be used as a guideline, however, under special circumstances, the league director has the right to change, modify, or adapt these offenses or penalties as needed** keeping the best interest of the Softball program in mind, and considering any prior offenses and the totality of the circumstances.

Offense	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
Physical Assault of an official, Player, Spectator, or City Employee	One year suspension, and possible criminal charges.	Lifetime suspension and criminal charges.
Fighting or Any Physical Threat or Abuse of Official, Player, Spectator, or City Employee.	Suspension from remainder of the season, no less than five double headers, or ten games.	Lifetime suspension, possible criminal charges.
Leaving Dugout During an Altercation.	Ejection from current game + one game suspension.	Suspension for remainder of season.
Discriminatory behavior towards any player, teammate, spectator, official, or City Employee.	Ejection from game + one game suspension.	Suspension for remainder of season.
Verbal Abuse/Taunting/Inappropriate Language Towards an Official, Player, Spectator, or City Employee	Ejection from game + one game suspension.	Suspension for remainder of season.
Refusal to Follow Officials Decisions or Follow League or Parks Rules.	Ejection from game + one game suspension.	Suspension for remainder of season.
Drugs/Alcohol on Park Property/Sports Complex	Forfeiture of game, player disqualified from remainder of season, and exclusion from parks premises.	One year suspension from all athletics programs.
*Spokane Municipal Code Section 12.06A.040 prohibits alcohol or drug possession or consumption on the premises, including the parking lot.		
Illegal Players (Players not on roster)	Forfeiture of game + one game suspension.	Forfeiture of game + one game suspension for player and team captain.
Use of Illegal Softballs or Altered Bats	Forfeiture of game.	Suspension from remainder of the season for player and team captain.

ATTENTION: All Participants will sign the Player Code of Conduct prior to participating in any SPRD athletic sponsored programs. As a team manager, player, spectator, or score keeper, I hereby accept acknowledge, and understand the “**PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**” in its entirety. I understand that all my teammates on my roster and spectators are expected to abide by the SPRD League’s standard of sportsmanship and are subject to the penalties of this contract. I agree that myself and my team and spectators will abide by the “**PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**” in its entirety and vow to adhere by these rules, accepting the penalties and probations as it so may be. I also agree that it is my responsibility to educate myself and the players on my teams’ roster about the “zero tolerance policy” for unsportsmanlike behavior, and the penalties and consequences as described in the Player Code of Conduct.