

New England USSSA is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all participants. Respect for the game, the opponents, coaches and officials is a critical part of the environment that is created. This Zero Tolerance Policy summarizes required actions to be taken when violations occur. Ejections will be examined by (League/Tournament/Area/State) Director for additional suspension and possible review by New England USSSA Discipline Committee. New England USSSA will follow a progressive discipline model. The goal is to correct unacceptable behavior. Suspensions could encompass all USSSA activity.

All players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and spectators are required to maintain a sportsmanlike atmosphere before, during and after all New England USSSA sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all participants and spectators.

Players, Coaches and Spectators are subject to ejection from the premises and subsequent suspensions for the following behaviors:

- Openly disputing or arguing any decision by an official.
- Taunting or inciting an opponent or spectator.
- Visually creating a disturbance during the game.

- Throwing of equipment, including bats & balls

- Fighting or assaulting anyone is an automatic ejection

- Alcohol is prohibited on the field and in the dugouts

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as baiting or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

Officials are strongly encouraged to introduce themselves to the coaches prior to the game to establish a basis of mutual respect and to facilitate/define in-game communication.

Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

Spectators are expected to treat all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support.

The game will be stopped by game officials when spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume.