

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is established by the St. Lucie County Senior Softball League to serve as a guideline for the leagues on matters about the conduct of players, managers, and coaches. The Code outlines unacceptable behavior and suggests the minimum and maximum penalties for violations. Players, coaches, and managers shall abide by the Code of Conduct. Violation of the code, as outlined below, will result in disciplinary action.

1. NO PLAYER SHALL: Be physically aggressive toward any player (teammate or opponent), official (umpire or scorekeeper), league director, agency representative, or spectator. This includes any unwanted physical contact including, but not limited to, shoving, or striking a person before, during, or after a game. If during a game, the player will be immediately ejected.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and eight games probation.

2. NO PLAYER SHALL: Be verbally abusive toward any player (teammate or opponent), official (umpire or scorekeeper), league director, agency representative, or spectator. This includes but is not limited to, the use of profanity and/or racial slurs, harassment, threats, or intimidation before, during, or after a game. If during a game the player will be immediately ejected.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and eight games probation.

3. NO PLAYER SHALL: Refuse to abide by an official's decision.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and probation for eight games.

4. NO PLAYER SHALL: Appear on the field of play under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and probation for eight games.

5. NO PLAYER SHALL: Use unnecessary roughness to an opposing player.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and probation for eight games.

6. NO PLAYER SHALL: Demonstrate dissension at an official's decision.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

7. NO PLAYER SHALL: Discuss with an official any decision reached by that official unless the player is the manager or captain.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the official.

8. NO PLAYER SHALL: Be found utilizing or bringing to the ballpark any altered equipment.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for two (2) years from all SLCSSL softball activities. Note: Team and Players from the team utilizing the altered equipment may be placed on probation

9. NO PLAYER SHALL: Be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of games with any spectator, player, or opponent. Officials are required to report violations of this rule to the League Commissioner.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

10. NO PLAYER SHALL: Smoke while coming off or going on the field of play, or while on the field of play or in the dugout.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning from the official.

11. SPECIAL NOTES

- a. A player/coach/manager who is on probation for a Code of Conduct violation and is reported for another violation of the Code of Conduct will face double the normal penalty for the new violation. Any probation or suspension included in the penalty for the new violation will run consecutively with the former penalty.
- b. Any ejected player/coach/manager/official must leave the bench/dugout area immediately. Failure to do so may result in a maximum penalty for the violation. Any further action or disruption may result in the official ejecting the player or manager from the park or facility.
- c. For safety reasons, children and patrons watching the game are not allowed in the dugout during the game.