



CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

CODE OF CONDUCT - SOFTBALL

Good sportsmanship is a priority in all Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department athletic programs. Respect for players, coaches, officials, staff and spectators are necessary for fair play in a recreational setting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The code of conduct applies to all participants including players, coaches, managers and sponsors involved in any Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department sponsored or co-sponsored leagues and tournaments.
- B. The code applies to conduct before, during and after all league and/or tournament games.
- C. Players are competing at their own risk; any physical or property damage caused by players is the responsibility of the player that caused it, inadvertently or willfully.
- D. It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure that ALL players know and adhere to the rules and regulations.
- E. Officials and/or staff may suspend play at any time during a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- F. No refunds will be given to players or teams suspended from further league play.

ENFORCEMENT

- A. The Athletic Supervisor and/or Athletic Programmer has the authority to impose the penalties listed in the Code of Conduct.
- B. Penalized participants may formally appeal the decision with a written appeal made within five (5) days of the incident.
- C. Suspended games include playoffs and following seasons.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- A. **Striking or Threatening an Official-** No player shall bump, shove, strike, touch in a threatening manner or threaten bodily harm to any official (before, during or after the game).

Penalty: Player is suspended from further league play for the remainder of the season or longer depending upon the severity of the incident. (police department and/or USSSA may be notified).

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Verbal abuse, profanity, arguing, irrational behavior, etc directed toward officials, recreation staff, players or fans is defined as unsportsmanlike conduct (before, during or after the game). Coaches are responsible for their team's actions.

Penalty: Players/Coaches that are ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will be suspended a minimum of 2 games or more, depending upon the severity of the incident.

Players/Coaches that are ejected from the game must leave the park and the surrounding area of the playing field. Player (s) refusing to abide will be suspended from present and possible future leagues and loss of game.

Any harassment of the officials by anyone may lead to forfeiture of the game and expulsion from further league competition.

C. Physical Confrontations- Fighting, shoving, etc between opposing players or teammates.

Penalty: Player is immediately ejected from game and suspended for remainder of season or more depending upon the severity of the incident.*

D. Alcohol/Drugs- No participant shall be in possession of, or consume an alcoholic beverage or illegal substance, or appear intoxicated in/on a city or school facility. Smoking is also prohibited the fields.

Penalty: Player is immediately ejected from game and suspended for the next two scheduled games. *

Coaches and team members are responsible for their spectator's actions. Teams drinking at the field will be given a warning. Teams caught a second time will be expelled from the league with no refund and not allowed to return the following season. The umpire reserves the right to eject any player(s)/coach (es) found under the influence of alcohol, etc.

REPEATED CODE VIOLATIONS – Individual players and teams that have repeated code of conduct violations will be suspended from further Mountlake Terrace league play.

* Any player suspended during the last game of the season will sit out the first two (2) games of his/her next season.