



City of Norwalk: Parks and Recreation Dept.

ADULT PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Adult Player Code of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in Norwalk Parks and Recreation provided leagues. These leagues are offered for your enjoyment, and your cooperation and sportsmanship are essential to the department's ability to continue offering them. Players, coaches, captains/managers, and spectators are expected to maintain good sportsmanship and respect for others throughout the duration of the league. Norwalk Parks and Recreation continues to reserve the right to take any disciplinary action deemed appropriate against players, coaches, captains, and spectators for violating the Player Code of Conduct and league rules.

1. **NO COACH, MANAGER, OR PLAYER SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or physically threaten an official, player, or spectator. The umpire will immediately eject the individual and report to the league director. Such individual will remain suspended until meeting the league director.
 - a. **Minimum Penalty:** Suspension of two league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
 - b. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for life and/or assault charges filed.
2. **NO COACH, MANAGER, OR PLAYER SHALL:** Refuse to abide by and/or verbally argue with officials' decisions. Balls/Strikes are not able to be protested. It is okay to respectfully disagree and/or get frustrated, it is not okay to lash out in anger over said frustration.
 - a. **Minimum Penalty:** Verbal Warning
 - b. **Maximum Penalty:** Ejection with one game suspension and placed on probation for remainder of the season.
3. **NO COACH, MANAGER, OR PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against an opposing player. The umpire will immediately intervene and report to the league director.
 - a. **Minimum Penalty:** Verbal Warning
 - b. **Maximum Penalty:** Ejection with one game suspension and placed on probation for remainder of the season.

4. **NO COACH, MANAGER, OR PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of a verbal attack upon any player, official, scorekeeper, or spectator. Verbal attacks taking place on/off the field, parking area, bleachers, or any other area within the park grounds can be reported by league officials. Please treat each other with respect and courtesy, even when the competition is intense.
 - a. **Minimum Penalty:** Placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
 - b. **Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for at least one game or remainder of the season.
5. **NO COACH, MANAGER, OR PLAYER SHALL:** Appear on the playing field in an intoxicated condition. Individuals will immediately be walked off the field for the safety of themselves and other players.

Special Notes

- Any coach, manager, or player who has been placed on probation for the remainder of the season who is reported again for violating the “Adult Player Code of Conduct” is at risk for suspension for the remainder of the season. A “three strikes and you’re out” policy will be enforced unless the circumstances warrant an immediate removal from the league (i.e. assault).
- Any individual ejected from a game must leave the park grounds immediately. Failure to do so will result in a team forfeit. Ejection fees are \$20 and must be paid at the rec front desk prior to returning to the season. Receipts can be given to the scorekeeper to be removed from the ejected list.
- A suspended individual may not attend league games during his/her suspension.

By signing below, I acknowledge that as a team captain, I am responsible for my players and team spectators. I have read and understand the Adult Player Code of Conduct and acknowledge that disciplinary action may be taken on any member of my team for violating these guidelines. I have received and read a copy of the league rules as they pertain to this program.

Captain’s Signature

Printed Name

Date

Team Name