



## **PLAYER-PARENT-SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a condition of participation in the SPGSA programs, it is understood and agreed that the following Code of Conduct shall be adhered to. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure all his / her players and spectators know and adhere to these conditions of participation. Every Player, Parent, and Spectator who attends these programs events are bound by this Code of Conduct, regardless of their individual acceptance.

1. **NO PLAYER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of physical attack or verbal abuse as an aggressor upon any player, official, director, parent, manager, coach, or spectator. This includes negative and / or unsportsmanlike comments and gestures, in general or directed at the opposing team, same team or game officials/directors. SPGSA Officials may suspend offender from further play and are required to report such offender to the SPGSA Board. The offender will remain suspended until his / her case has been considered and/or the term of suspension expires.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Verbal /Written Warning by Officials

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Lifetime Ban

2. **NO PLAYER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL:** Refuse to abide by league policies/procedures or officials or director's decisions. This includes adhering to park

policies including, but not limited to, prohibiting seed/shells, sports drinks, gum, or any other prohibited items at any league field.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Verbal/Written Warning by officials

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension and / or removal from the league program.

3. **NO PLAYER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of objectionable demonstration or dissent at a game official's decision. Only the team manager or coaches, shall be allowed to have any interaction or verbal contact with the officials.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by officials

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Ejection from the game/facility and/or suspension from the league.

4. **NO PLAYER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL:** Be guilty of using or encouraging unnecessarily rough or dangerous tactics (in the play of game) against the body or person of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately suspend offender from further play and report such player to the appropriate division commissioner and/or coaches' representative.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Immediate ejection and/or suspension.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Lifetime ban.

5. **PARENTS/SPECTATORS/PARTICIPANTS ARE PROHIBITED** from the use of alcoholic beverages at the complex, during any SPGSA event (meaning game, practice, tournament, opening ceremony, closing ceremony, or any other similar league sanctioned event). Those, who in the opinion of any league official or umpire appear intoxicated, shall be sanctioned.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Ejection from the game/facility.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Lifetime ban.

6. **PARENTS/PARTICIPANTS AGREE** to only use equipment that is approved by the national sanctioning body adopted for league play AND as approved by the local league as well as adhering to the playing rules and policies adopted by this program and the ASA.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by the officials and / or ejection from the game.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension

7. **ANY PARENT/PLAYER/ SPECTATOR** removed from a game must leave the facility immediately – out of sight and out of sound unless the officials specifically stipulate a different location. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of the game and suspension for a minimum of the three subsequent games up to a lifetime ban.