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### **2018 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES** **Rules and Regulations**

Games will be played in accordance with official Slow Pitch Softball Rules as adopted by USA Softball except where amended by the special league rules below:

#### **ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION**

- 1.01 All Men's and Coed Adult Softball Leagues shall be governed by these rules and regulations:
- 1.02 Qualification for Participation in Adult Softball Leagues is based on the following criteria:
- A. Submission of timely filed registration form.
  - B. Submission of a timely filed roster, signed by designated manager, which documents, through the listing of **full names (no nicknames), signatures, addresses and zip codes**, that 66% of all players are bona fide and proven County/Business residents. Additionally, the roster must include one phone number for each player listed.
  - C. Submission of the franchise fee and **\$30.00** for each rostered nonresident and Arlington business resident player payable to "**Treasurer, Arlington County**", No partial fees will be accepted.
  - D. Roster, registration form (or online equivalent), franchise fee and any non-resident fee must be submitted on or before the established deadline date.
- 1.03 Games will not be postponed, suspended or cancelled for any reason other than inclement weather, injury or unfit playing conditions of the field. In these cases, games will be postponed, suspended or cancelled by the League Office or the Field Supervisor before the game starts, or the umpire after the game is in progress. A game in progress may be suspended for rain, lightning or other unsafe condition. In the case of lightning, if the suspension occurs before a regulation five innings (4-1/2 if home team is ahead) have been played, there shall be a mandatory twenty (20) minute delay. Any game that has been delayed for 20 minutes or more for any reason may, in the umpire's judgement, be discontinued and will be rescheduled at the discretion of the League Office. Extended delays due to injury or inclement weather do not come off game time, the game clock stops. **(RECORDED WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING (703) 228-4715).**
- NOTE: During the regular season all games that do not become official will be replayed from the beginning. In tournament play all suspended games will be played from the point of suspension.
- 1.04 Dates and facilities designated by the League Office for regular season games, postponed games, playoff and tournament games must be met by all teams or a forfeit will result. Notification of makeup dates for postponed games will be made as soon as possible. After such notification, the responsibility of the League Office has ended.
- 1.05 **It is illegal to possess or consume alcoholic beverages or intoxicating substances or illegal drugs at any park, Playground or athletic facility.** (Arlington County Code 14.2)
- A. If first offense, player shall be suspended from his team's next four games, the team shall forfeit the game and the player is subject to prosecution.
  - B. If second offense, player shall be suspended from the Adult Softball League for a period of one year, the team shall forfeit the game and the player is subject to prosecution.
  - C. Spectators will be asked to leave the facilities, and/or be prosecuted.
- 1.06 All rosters, roster changes, protest or any other paperwork affecting the administration of this league will not be considered official unless the Commissioner is notified in writing.
- 1.07 Tournament Play. At the conclusion of regular season play, leagues will have postseason tournaments scheduled- **SPRING SEASON ONLY.** (See the General Information sheet of the specific league for details.)

- 1.08 **Each team manager/coach is urged to carry these rules and regulations to each game in case of a violation by an official and/or team.** Any question or situation not included in these rules or official interpretation thereof, shall be referred to the League Commissioner for final disposition.
- 1.09 **VERIFICATION OF ARLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED.** A xerox copy of your drivers permit, utility bill, tax receipt or any other legal documentation verifying residency is required two weeks before the first scheduled league game. If this office does not receive verification of residency for each Arlington County resident, those players will be considered non-residents. **If these players are reclassified as non-residents and the team cannot meet the 66% residency requirement, the team may be dropped from the league.**
- 1.10 **DEFINITION OF AN ARLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENT:**  
An Arlington County resident is defined as:
- a. a person living within the geographical boundaries of Arlington County, Virginia; or
  - b. a person whose property is bisected by the County boundary and that of an adjacent jurisdiction, such that real estate taxes are paid to Arlington County; or
  - c. a person owning property and paying real estate taxes in Arlington County even though that person resides outside the County boundary.
- NOTE: Current employees of the Arlington County Board or the Arlington County School Board, shall have all the rights and privileges of a resident of the County. Non resident, full-time students who attend a public or private school in Arlington County shall have all the rights and privileges of an Arlington County resident. In such cases, the address of the school attended full-time will be used as a student's address to determine his/her player eligibility.

## 2.00 COACHES/MANAGERS

- 2.01 The Coach, manager or his designee shall be the team representative.
- 2.02 The team representative shall be responsible for the following:
- A. attending all league meetings,
  - B. informing team members of the outcome of league meetings or protest review,
  - C. attending the annual softball rules clinic. Teams not represented at the annual clinic may not submit a protest on situations or rules interpretations.
  - D. knowing the league rules and informing team members as to their interpretation,
  - E. distributing league materials to team members,
  - F. controlling the language and conduct of his players and spectators,
  - G. liaison to the league Office,
  - H. fees, rosters, protests, and any other paperwork required by the League Office or these rules, and the timely submission of same.

## 3.00 UMPIRES

- 3.01 Umpires shall be members of an approved local association holding a current contract with the Arlington County Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 3.02 Umpires shall be assigned to games by the association's commissioner.
- 3.03 At all fields, the fitness of the field for a game shall be decided by the plate umpire and the field supervisor. Failure to abide by umpire or field supervisor's decision shall result in disciplinary action by the League Commissioner. The intent of this rule is to prevent injury to players and protect fields from inappropriate usage.
- 3.04 The plate umpire shall keep the official watch.
- 3.05 If an umpire(s) fails to appear, managers will, by mutual agreement, appoint officials for the game. The league will pay these substitutes the regular game fee. Games must be played if one umpire is present. Winning team is responsible for submitting name and address of substitute umpire to League Office.

- 3.06 Any player, manager, coach or team official hitting or shoving an umpire, facility supervisor or league official will be barred from further participation, if he/she was the aggressor.

#### 4.00 FRANCHISE FEE

- 4.01 The franchise fee shall be an established amount to cover league expenses including but not limited to the following:
- A. officials for regular season games.
  - B. officials for playoff games (where applicable),
  - C. officials for tournaments (where applicable),
  - D. registration and user fees,
  - E. awards (where applicable),
- 4.02 The franchise fee will be announced each year at the opening of registration and must be paid on or before the deadline established by the League Office.
- 4.03 No franchise fees will be accepted at organizational meetings. Any team may apply for league entry.
- 4.04 An online team registration and team roster must accompany each team's franchise fee in order to be considered for a league.

#### 5.00 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.01 A player must be at least 18 years of age by opening game in order to participate in these leagues. **Women can play in the Men's League. Men's League rules will apply.**
- 5.02 Any player suspended or barred from participation by the Central Virginia state association for USA Softball or by Arlington County Department of Parks & Recreation is ineligible to participate on any team in any league under the Arlington County jurisdiction until the suspension is lifted (participation includes coaching as well as playing). Suspended players must take the initiative to contact the League Office to apply for reinstatement of eligibility.
- 5.03 A team(s) playing an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit all games in which this player participated. Participation is defined as being rostered on a team, playing or serving as a player-coach. An Individual may serve as non-playing coach/manager for more than one team.
- 5.04 Any player using an assumed name shall be permanently barred from these leagues.
- 5.05 Former professional baseball or softball athletes are not eligible for USA Softball Tournaments leading to the District, State, Regional, Area or National Tournaments unless they have been reinstated to amateur status in accordance with USA Softball rules. Reinstatement procedures may be secured from the District USA Softball Commissioner. Note: This applies only to Championship play within the Central Virginia state association for USA Softball. These players may play in local league play.

## 6.00 TEAM ROSTERS

- 6.01 Rosters must be typed or printed on the roster form provided by the League Office in original form. Roster must list the proper name (no nicknames), address, zip codes, jersey number, and either a home or work telephone number of each player, manager or coach. **INCOMPLETE ROSTERS AND DUPLICATED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 6.02 For participation in these leagues, all rosters must be comprised of at least **66% Arlington County residents/Business residents**, and this percentage must be maintained throughout the season. Place of employment does not qualify a player as a County resident, unless the player is an employee of the Arlington County Government or School Board. Proof of residency will be required upon request of the Commissioner or his/her representative.
- 6.03 League rosters are limited to twenty-five (25) players. A minimum of ten players must be rostered at all times.
- 6.04 All roster changes, i.e. additions, deletions, etc., must be made in writing on a separate change of roster form, and filed with the league Commissioner prior to that player's participation in league games. A \$30.00 nonresident fee must accompany each nonresident player. **Nonresident player fees are not transferable or refundable. Make checks payable to "Treasurer, Arlington County."**
- 6.05 For Spring/Summer leagues roster changes will not be allowed after May 29. For Fall leagues, roster changes will be allowed prior to October 1.
- 6.06 A player who is dropped from a team may not be reinstated to that team during the same season.

## UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.01 USA Softball uniform rule does not apply. All teams are required to wear jerseys of the same color with the same team name and/or logo (if name and logo are used) with a unique, permanently affixed, Arabic number of contrasting color, or outlined in a contrasting color on the front or back of the jersey. Any player not in the acceptable jersey shall not be permitted to play. Officials shall enforce this rule (Spring on April 23, Fall on September 10). **Taped numbers will not be allowed. Exceptions: (1) where fading or slight color variation due to manufacturing has occurred; and (2) there is a graphic design change to the same team name and/or logo. The intent of this rule is to ensure that each player is rostered with a unique number for identification purposes.**
- 7.02 All participants must wear closed-toe shoes with canvas or leather uppers (or similar materials). The soles of the shoes may be smooth or have soft or hard rubber cleats. Shoes with detachable rubber cleats that screw into the shoe are permitted. The following shoes are NOT permitted:
- Shoes with round metal spikes.
  - Shoes with square metal cleats.
  - Shoes with detachable cleats that screw on to the shoe.
  - Shoes with rubber cleats that have metal tips.

**PENALTY:** A player in a game or that has participated in a game and is discovered wearing shoes that are not permitted will be disqualified from further participation in that game only. The player may remain in the playing area ONLY if they have other permitted shoes to wear. The permitted shoes must be worn any time the player is in the playing area, which includes the dugouts. The player may participate in any subsequent game as long as they wear shoes that are permitted for play. Any player who argues with or otherwise abuses the umpire regarding any disqualification will be EJECTED for that game and be suspended for a subsequent game.

- 7.03 For safety and injury prevention, casts, jewelry or any other item deemed dangerous by the plate umpire **MAY NOT BE WORN** during the game.

- 7.04 Any 52 Cor 300 Compression twelve (12) inch restricted flight ball shall be recognized for Men's and Coed league play. Any 52 Cor 300 Compression eleven (11) inch restricted flight ball for Women's league play. No ball shall be used when it is cold to the touch due to being refrigerated and/or frozen. No ball shall be used where the Cor rating and compression number is no longer visible. **Optic colors are required, no white.**
- 7.05 Each team will furnish 2 balls acceptable to the umpire. Teams will hit the balls they provide throughout the game. Teams will always have a back up ball ready to give to the umpire when they are at bat and a ball goes out of play. It shall be the responsibility of the team manager to ensure the team has sufficient legal balls to continue the game. If a team has no other playable balls, the team shall forfeit the game unless the other team contributes playable balls.
- 7.06 All bats must meet USA Softball specifications to be allowed to play in Arlington County Adult Softball. All bats must have a clearly visible ASA 2000, 2004 or 2013 certification mark.
- 7.07 All equipment banned by USA Softball is also banned in Arlington County unless specifically amended within these rules and regulations.
- 7.08 The umpires will be responsible for checking the legality of all bats before the start of the game as time allows. However, the legality of any individual bat is the sole responsibility of the team manager. Bats with dents, audible rattles or in the umpire's judgment, excessive wear, will not be considered legal to use and will be removed from the game without penalty. Should the umpire discover any bat in play that does not have an USA Softball/ASA certification mark (see Rule 7.06), that has been purposely altered, or that is on the USA Softball Non Approved bat list, the bat shall be removed from the game and in addition to the USA Softball prescribed penalties, the player using the bat in question AND the manager shall be ejected from the game and may be subject to further action by the League Office. The USA Softball Non Approved bat list is available on the [USA Softball website](#).

## 8.00 PLAYING RULES

- 8.01 Games will be played in accordance with official Slow Pitch Softball Rules as adopted by USA Softball except where amended by the special league rules below:
- A. All leagues:
1. The USA Softball short hand rule does not apply. A team must have the required number of players present to start or continue a game. Requirements are:
    - (a) Minimum of (8) players to start or continue a game (Minimum number of players to start is defined as in uniform, present in the dugout or team area).
    - (b) If eight (8) players are present in the team area (Coed; 4 Women, 4 Men), the game must begin and these eight must start.
    - (c) Additional players up to ten (10), may be added to the end of the lineup at any time during the game without penalty.

NOTE: Players listed in the starting lineup and not available at game time may be substituted for and re-entered under the re-entry rule. (Arlington County interpretation: This does not apply when less than ten (10) players are present in the team area.)
  2. Any weekday game scheduled to begin prior to 6:59pm will begin at the scheduled game time unless the grace period is invoked (see 8.01/a3). For all other games of the day, teams are required to report to the umpire ready to play at "scheduled game time". Failure to have the required number of players (8) at "scheduled game time" shall result in forfeiture. Grace period is for weekday games only. If at the "scheduled game time" of the first game of a doubleheader, a team has zero (0) players at the field, that team shall immediately forfeit both games of the doubleheader. The grace period shall not be invoked for a team that has zero (0) players at the field. If neither team has the required number of players (8) at the "scheduled game time" (grace period included), then the game(s) shall be declared a double forfeit, meaning both teams forfeit those games.

3. A 15-minute grace period from the scheduled starting time shall be permitted in order to assemble the required number of players for any game scheduled to start prior to 7:00pm on weekdays only. No grace period for remaining games, and any grace time used shall be included in the time limit.
4. All games are scheduled for 7 innings with no new inning after 55 minutes. Any inning started prior to the time limit must be completed, unless the home team is ahead in the incomplete inning.
5. The score of a game called because of the time limit shall be the score at the last complete inning played, unless the home team is ahead in the incomplete inning. In this case, the score shall be that of the incomplete inning.
6. Full or half innings terminate immediately as the third out is made. New innings begin immediately as the third out of the previous inning is made.
7. Extra players (E.P.) - applies to all adult men's leagues:
  - (a) Extra players (2), referred to as an E.P. may be used by any team, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and the names are indicated on the line up sheet or score sheet.  
**7-A "FOR GAMES SCHEDULED TO START BEFORE 7:00PM ONLY! If the extra players or 11th/12th batters fail to report to the batter's box prior to his/her turn at bat. (Penalty - see rule 8.01 A #8)."**
  - (b) The extra players must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
  - (c) The extra players may enter the game on defense for any player in the lineup. Both players must remain in the game and bat in their original position in the batting order. The insertion of the E.P., on defense, for another player in the lineup, may occur as often as desired, with as many eligible players as desired. **EXCEPTION:** Coed league extra player must substitute for the same sex.
8. If a lineup is reduced because of injury or any other reason and a replacement is not available, that position vacated in the order will be an out taken in the order spot of the missing players; first time only, after first out, vacant spot will be skipped without penalty; no re-insertion of the player will be permitted. If an eligible replacement is available, that player must bat in the vacated position.
9. There will be a "ten run" slaughter rule in effect in all games after five innings (four and one half if the home team is ahead).
10. All hitters will start the at bat with a one ball and one strike count. Hitters will be given one "courtesy foul" when they have two strikes against them.
11. It is the responsibility of the base runner to avoid a collision with a defensive player, who is in possession of the ball and is waiting for the runner. If the runner remains on his/her feet and collides with the defensive player, the runner will be declared out. If, in the judgment of the umpire, the collision was deliberate, the runner may also be ejected and subject to further penalty.
12. For a pitch to be legal, the ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and, in the umpire's judgment, reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 12 feet from the ground.
13. When the double base is in place at first base, the following rules shall be enforced:
  - a) When a play is being made on the batter-runner, the defense must use the white portion and the batter-runner the contrasting color portion of the base. EFFECT: When there is a play being made at first base and, in the umpire's judgment, the batter-runner touches only the white portion of the base, the umpire shall declare a DEAD BALL, rule the batter-runner OUT, and return all other runners to the base occupied before the play began.
  - b) EXCEPTIONS:
    - a. On any force out attempt from the foul side of first base the defense and the batter-runner may use either the white or the contrasting color portion of the base.

- b. On an errant throw pulling the defense off the white portion of the base into foul ground, the defense and the batter-runner can use either the white or contrasting color portion
- c. On balls hit to the outfield with no play on the batter-runner advancing to first base, the batter-runner may touch the white or contrasting color portion.
- d. On plays at first base when the batter-runner touches only the white portion of the base and collides with the fielder about to catch a thrown ball while on the white portion of the base. EFFECT: Interference, the ball is dead, the batter-runner is out and runners must return to the last base occupied at the time of the interference.

#### 14. Courtesy Runners

- a) A courtesy runner is any player who runs for a runner without a charged substitution.
- b) A courtesy runner may be used once and only once per half inning.
- c) Any eligible player including available substitutes may be used as a courtesy runner.
- d) Courtesy runners must be reported to the plate umpire.
- e) A courtesy runner may not run for an existing courtesy runner unless the existing courtesy runner becomes injured
- f) A courtesy runner whose turn at bat comes while on base:
  - i. will be called out.
  - ii. will be removed from the base and take their turn at bat.
  - iii. a second courtesy runner is not permitted at this time.
- g) In Coed, a courtesy runner must be the same gender as the runner they are replacing on the base.
- h) A male courtesy runner may run for a female runner playing in a men's game.

#### B. Special rules for Coed Leagues

1. Coed line-ups consist of ten players (five men and five women). A game may start and/or play continued with as few as eight players (4 males and 4 females) provided the batting order rules in 8.01B2 are met.
2. The offensive lineup may begin with either gender, but thereafter the genders shall alternate. **EXCEPTION:** If a team starts a game or reduces their lineup during a game for any reason such that the lineup consists of nine players, there will be a repetition of gender in the lineup. **Penalty: Vacant spot in the order between the repetitions of genders will be an OUT every time it occurs.** If the game is started with nine players, the OUT must be taken in either the 9th or 10th position in the batting order, depending on which gender is missing and which gender starts the batting order.
3. Substitutions shall be on a sex-for-sex basis.
4. In coed league play, an E.P. may be used with twelve (12) players (six males and six females). If the E.P. is used in mixed play, 12 players must bat and any ten (10) players (5 males and 5 females) can play defense. The batting order must remain the same throughout the game. It is not permissible to use eleven (11) players because of the alternate batters. The E.P. is used is governed by the E.P. rule (8.01a7) above.
5. If any of the twelve players is removed from the lineup for any reason and a substitute of the same sex is not available, the lineup must be reduced to ten (10) players, and a player that bats in front of or behind the missing player must also leave the game.
6. USA Softball coed positioning rule does not apply in Arlington County Coed leagues.
7. Arlington does not have a Poaching rule. (Poaching is one player going in another player's area to catch and make a play on a ball.)

### C. Special rules for Tournament Games (Double Elimination)

1. A team must have eight (8) players present in the team area at game time. Penalty - FORFEITURE. No exceptions. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME. No grace period is permitted.
2. For all games except the championship and "If first loss" game, the home team is the team seeded higher at the start of the tournament.
3. The home team in the championship game will be the undefeated team. For the "If first loss" game, the team that won the initial championship game will be the home team.
4. After the completion of 55 minutes of play in any tournament game (except championship and "if" games) and the score is tied, the following One-Pitch Tie-Breaker Rule will be played to determine a winning team.
  - a). Starting with the top of the next inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base (e.g., if the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. A substitute may be inserted for the runner).
  - b) Each batter gets one pitch:
    - i. The batter must hit the ball in fair territory, or they are out.
    - ii. A foul ball is an out
    - iii. If the batter swings and misses, it is an out.
    - iv. If the batter takes a pitch that is a strike, they are out.
    - v. If the pitch is a ball the batter receives a walk.
    - vi. If the pitch is illegal, does not reach the plate, slips from the pitcher's hand, it is a ball and the batter receives a walk.
    - vii. If the pitcher takes more than ten seconds to pitch the ball in the umpire's judgment, it is a ball and the batter receives a walk.
    - viii. If the batter takes more than ten seconds to get in the batter's box in the umpire's judgment, it is a strike and the batter is out.
  - c) Extra innings will be played until a winner is determined.

#### 8.02 Forfeiture

- A. If the required number of players (8) has not been met by the schedule game time (or by the end of the grace period by one of the teams, the team having the required number shall win by forfeit, and the score shall be 7-0. If both teams fail to have the required number of players, the game shall be declared a double forfeit and will not be rescheduled.
- B. Use of an ineligible player shall result in forfeiture (see 5.05).
- C. **A team forfeiting four league games because of failure to have the required number of players may be dropped from further participation until their case is reviewed.** All games will stand and no part of the franchise fee will be returned.

8.03 The home team's scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper. Visiting team should confirm score each inning.

8.04 The winning team is required to report the score of the game to the League Office prior to close of business on the next business day. Penalty: Possible forfeiture of game(s) for repeated violation.

- 8.05 Home run limits are as follows, Class "B"– seven (7), Class "C"– three (3), Class "D"– one (1). After home run limit is reached by both teams, a plus one (1) rule will go into effect. This means that either team can go up one (1) home run on their opponent once both teams have reached the prescribed home run limit for their classification. All batted balls over the fence without assistance, which do not meet the aforementioned criteria, will result in an out.

EXCEPTION: In Class "C" games, teams may use the Class "B" home run limits if both coaches agree AND the umpire is informed prior to the game. Once the game begins, the limit can not be changed. This exception shall be valid for Tournament Games.

- 8.06 Base stealing will not be allowed in Arlington County Adult Softball Leagues.
- 8.07 At the end of the regular season, the team with the most points will be declared League Champion. One point awarded for each win and one half point for each tie. Tiebreakers will be determined by the following criteria: Head-to-head competition-if still tied; Best record against common opponents beginning with the highest seed-if still tied; Fewest runs allowed among tied teams- if still tied; Fewest runs allowed all games- if still tied; Coin flip.

### 9.00 PROTESTS

- 9.01 Under official softball rules, decisions involving an umpire's judgement may not be protested. If a ruling is believed to conflict with official softball rules or these special leagues rules, or if a question of eligibility is involved, a coach may protest the game by notifying the head umpire who will note the time of protest in the official scorebook. A written notification must be submitted to the League Commissioner, emailed within 48 hours after completion of the game. A \$50.00 fee must accompany each protest. If the appeal is granted, the fee will be returned.
- 9.02 Each protest must contain the following information:
- a. Date, time, and place of game,
  - b. Names of officials and scorekeepers,
  - c. The rule and section of the official rules or local rules under which the protest is made,
  - d. The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the protest,
  - e. All essential facts involved in the matter protested,
- 9.03 Protests shall be adjudicated by the League Commissioner in consultation with the Umpires Association's Umpire-In-Chief. These decisions are final.
- 9.04 If any of the procedures for protest are not followed, the protest will not be accepted.

### 10.00 CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND OTHERS

Sports and athletics rank very high with men and women participating in recreation programs. The atmosphere in the recreation setting would be one which promotes sportsmanship, fun, and satisfaction. This depends upon attitudes of all those involved: players, coaches, spectators and officials. Codes of conduct are essential in programs of this nature. Inclusion of the following codes is a method devised to help sportsmanship, character and fair play.

#### 10.01 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Coaches, managers and players shall not:

- A. at any time lay a hand upon or shove an official or field supervisor. **Penalty:** Suspension from all sports activities sponsored by the Department of Parks & Recreation for a period of no less than one year.
- B. at any time strike an official or be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player or spectator. **Penalty:** life suspension from all sports activities sponsored by the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- C. bait or be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision. **Penalty:** warning by official and/or ejection from the game. If ejected, the person is, at minimum, suspended from the next game his/her team plays.
- D. refuse to abide by an official's decision. **Penalty:** ejection from game and suspension from the league until his/her case has been reviewed. Probationary reinstatement possible.

- E. use of unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body or person of an opposing player. **Penalty:** Ejection from the game and suspension from the league until his/her case has been reviewed. Probationary reinstatement possible.
  - F. make an abusive verbal attack upon any official, facility supervisor, player or spectator. **Penalty:** ejection from the game and suspension from the league until his/her case has been reviewed.
  - G. disobey or attempt to circumvent league rules and regulations or the intent thereof. **Penalty:** ejection from the game and suspension from the league until his/her case has been reviewed.
  - H. argue with the official's judgment regarding balls and strikes. **Penalty:** ejection from the game.
- 10.02 Any coach, manager or player who is ejected from a game will remove themselves in a reasonable amount of time (umpire and field supervisor's judgment) from the sight and sound of the field and is automatically, at minimum, suspended from the next game his/her team plays. A second offense by the same person will result in additional disciplinary action as directed by the league commissioner. This rule is not subject to protest or review.
- 10.03 Any coach, manager or player who is placed on probationary status and is reported again for violating the "Code of Conduct" or league rules will be given a minimum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.
- 10.04 Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in forfeiture to the opposing team.

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