

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

Any player, parent or coach considered over-abusive or showing other poor sportsmanship in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will be notified in writing by the Board. Being found guilty of this offense can result in the probation or suspension for the player, parent or coach for the remainder of the current playing season. If the offense occurs after the end of the regular season play, the penalty can be applied against the next playing season.

Everyone connected to the Adams Recreation Club programs is to remember that the program exists for the sole purpose of the young people. Each and every person involved in the program is expected to follow the Code of conduct (attached). GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is the number one priority! Anyone who attempts to corrupt this program will not be allowed to participate in the future.

Any participant or official of Adams Recreation Club who is judged to have engaged in, or been a party to, acts of physical violence, or obscene language or gesture, or any form of unsportsmanlike conduct, during league-sanctioned activity will be subject to the following penalties:

(A) PHYSICAL VIOLENCE shall be defined as including, but not limited to:

1. The intentional crashing into a player with malice and great force.
2. The throwing of any object at a player, coach or umpire with the intent to cause bodily harm.
3. Fighting that involves a player, coach or umpire.
4. Pushing or shoving by one or both parties.

PENALTY

PLAYER: Immediate suspension from the game, and the next two games for which s/he is eligible and, pending a hearing beginning with the local Board of Directors, may be suspended for the remainder of the season. Should violation occur at the player's last game of the season, the penalty will apply the following season. Should the violation occur at a state tournament, the hearing will be conducted by the State Board of Directors.

COACH: Immediate suspension from the game, and the next four (4) games which his/her team is scheduled to play and, pending a hearing beginning with the local Board of Directors that will include the District Director or his/her appointee, the coach may be subject to a life-long suspension. Should the violation occur at State Tournament, the hearing will be conducted solely by the State Board of Directors who are present at that event, or may be deferred to the fall state meeting for final action. In either case, the coach will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

UMPIRE: Infractions by umpires will fall under the State Umpire Review Board, Article XI, of these by-laws pertaining to the conduct of umpires.

(B) OBSCENE LANGUAGE OR GESTURE shall be defined as including, but not limited to:

1. Profanity that is directed toward another individual, or can be heard by another individual.
2. Any obscene motions with the fingers or any gestures that would be offensive to the players, coaches, officials or spectators.

PENALTY

PLAYER: Immediate suspension from the game, plus player would be ineligible for the next scheduled game in which s/he is eligible to play.

COACH: Immediate suspension from the game and, pending a hearing beginning with the local Board of Directors, may be suspended for the remainder of the season for which s/he is eligible.

(C) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT shall be defined as including, but not limited to:

1. Action that shows violent disapproval of a call or decision by an umpire or protest committee.
2. Throwing of equipment, either on the playing field, in the dugout or ball park as a result of an official call.
3. Fake tag on a runner that causes injury.
4. Charging the mound as a result of a hit batter or near hit.

PENALTY

PLAYER: Immediate suspension from the game.

COACH: First offense, immediate suspension from the game.

Second offense, immediate suspension from the game, plus probation for the remainder of the season.

Third offense, suspension for the remainder of the season.