

City of Long Beach

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine

Adult Sports

Coed & Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Rulebook

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FAQ'S:

What are the Team Fees?

Men's & Coed - \$450 Per Team Sunday - \$350 Per Team

What is the Officiating Fee?

\$20 per team/per game

What is the Forfeit Fee?

\$40 per team/per game

When are the Game Times?

Weeknight game times will be either 6:30 PM, 7:45 PM, and 9:00 PM or 7:00 PM and 8:15 PM. Sunday games will be scheduled at 12:00 PM, 1:15 PM, and 2:30 PM.

Where are the Games Located?

Eldorado Field #3, Eldorado Field #4, Pan American Field #1, Pan American #2 & Joe Rodgers

How many players can be on a Roster?

The maximum roster size is 16 players

Can I sign up as an individual?

Individuals can sign up by registering as a free agent on teamsideline.com/longbeach

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LONG BEACH GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. FEE DEADLINE:

In order to provide better service to the participants of the Adult Sports Leagues, all registration deadlines will be strictly enforced. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS. If your team does not make payment in full by the publicized registration deadline, your team's placement in the league is not guaranteed. PARTIAL FEE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. ROSTER/PLAYERS:

A completed official team roster is due in the Sports Office by the designated deadline(s) for each season. Failure to submit a completed roster by the designated deadline(s) will result in a paperwork forfeit loss for the first game of the season, and each game thereafter until the date that the completed roster is received by the Sports Office. It is recommended that teams carry a full roster to allow for injuries and players who may be out of town. Please see specific sports for roster limits. NOTE: LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OR TEAMS.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

All players must be eighteen (18) years old or older to participate in an Adult Sports League. EXCEPTION: Senior Softball – players must be fifty-five (55) years old or older. No active professional or collegiate athletes will be allowed to play in any league. Former professional or collegiate athletes must have been inactive for at least one year in order to participate. Teams or players found in violation of this rule will result in the team's forfeiture of all games in which the player(s) participated.

4. ADDING/DROPPING PLAYERS:

Players may be added and dropped up until the beginning of the seventh (7) game of the league (this includes holidays and make-up games). All players and all changes must be in writing on the add/drop form and submitted to the Sports Office prior to participation in any league game.

5. REFUND POLICY:

Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will not be available once the schedules for that particular league have been generated and posted. Any team that is removed from any league will not be refunded any portion of their league fee. Refunds for Adult Sports League fees will be processed only if the league has been cancelled. The City of Long Beach has a refund processing fee of \$10.

6. PICTORIAL IDENTIFICATION:

Each player at every game must have in their possession and be able to provide a valid photo identification (CA Driver's License or other) if requested by the official to do so. Any team using ineligible players (not on the roster, no identification) will automatically forfeit any game played, if an eligibility protest is made and upheld by the Sports Coordinator. Please see rule #11 for protests.

7. OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER:

The softball umpire will be the official scorekeeper for each game. Managers of both teams must initial scorecards after each game to confirm scores.

8. OFFICIALS FEES:

Each team is required to present the game official(s) with the appropriate fee IN CASH prior to the beginning of the game. No game will begin until both teams have paid the official(s) in full. If a team does not pay the official, that team will be charged with a forfeit loss. In sports with multiple officials, if only one official appears for a scheduled game, payment to the official working the game will be half of the regular individual team fee.

9. FORFEIT FEE:

Teams that forfeit any game must pay both teams' official's fee for that game. Payment must be received in the Sports Office within one (1) week of the forfeited game. Failure to comply could result in the team's removal from the league. Cash, check, and card are accepted forms of payment. Checks must be made payable to the City of Long Beach.

EXCEPTION: Teams that notify the Sports Office, via email:

Allison.Stone@longbeach.gov AND phone: (562)-570-1731, by NOON (12 pm) the day before their scheduled game (weeknight games only) will not be required to

pay the forfeit fee. A forfeit of the second game may lead to the first or last scheduled games being moved up or back. Teams participating in a Sunday league that notify the Sports Office before noon on Friday will not be required to pay the forfeit fee. A forfeit of the second game may lead to the first or last scheduled games being moved up or back.

10. FORFEIT RULE:

Teams forfeiting two (2) games/matches will not be eligible for the playoffs. Teams forfeiting three (3) games/matches will automatically be removed from the league and will forfeit the unused balance of fees.

11. PROTESTS:

Oral protests must be made by the team manager/captain with the official(s) and the opposing team manager/captain prior to the next live ball situation. Protests will not be considered unless they are received in the Sports Office in writing within one (1) working day of the incident. Protests will be decided upon on the spot during the playoffs.

Protests for ineligible players must be made by the opposing manager/captain before the end of the game to allow the official to check the identification of the player in question. No protest fee is required at this time. Any player requested by the official(s) to show identification must do so within ten (10) minutes following the time of the official protest. If the player in question does not return within the ten (10) minute time period or if the identification does not match the name and signature on the scorecard, the game will be called a forfeit. If the player in question provides identification that matches the name and signature on the scorecard and the opposing manager still feels that the player is illegal, that manager must follow the standard protest procedure outlined above.

Protests for ineligible players in non-playoff games will be reviewed by the Adult Sports Coordinator within one (1) working day of receiving the official written protest. Ineligible players in playoff games will be decided on the spot when an Official Eligibility List is present.

12. RULE CLARIFICATION:

Only the manager/captain may approach the official(s) to clarify a call.

13. FIGHTING:

Any team, player(s), or spectator(s) fighting before, during, or after any City of Long Beach Adult Sport League game will be ejected from the area immediately. The area consists of the field/court, the parking lot, and any portion of City property. If a team, player, or spectator refuses to leave the area or will not stop fighting, this will result in additional team and individual penalties. All penalties will be determined by and enforced by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

The minimum TEAM penalty for fighting is a three (3) game suspension, not counting the game/match in which the incident occurred. This suspension cannot be appealed.

The minimum INDIVIDUAL penalty for fighting is an indefinite suspension pending an Adult Sports Executive Committee decision. All Adult Sports Executive Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

14. TRASH TALKING/VERBAL ABUSE:

Abusive language and/or gestures by any player(s), spectator(s), or coaches directed towards scorekeepers, officials, or other participants will not be permitted. The official will issue a warning on the first occurrence; if abusive conditions continue the individual(s) in question will be ejected from the area. Please see rule #17 for participant ejection rule clarification.

15. ALCOHOL / DRUGS:

Alcoholic consumption or drug use on any City property is strictly prohibited. Any player(s) or spectator(s) believed to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug will be immediately ejected from the area and will be suspended for a minimum of the next City of Long Beach league game played. If the player(s) or spectator(s) refuse to leave the area, a forfeit will be called, and the player(s) or

spectator(s) will be suspended indefinitely pending a hearing before the Executive Committee. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

16. PETS

Pets are NOT allowed at any gym locations. At field locations, pets are permitted but must remain on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and must bring their own waste bags, as they are not provided at park locations. All pets must be well-behaved and should not pose a distraction or safety risk to others.

17. PARTICIPANT EJECTION:

Any player(s), spectator(s), or coach ejected before, during, or after any Long Beach Adult Sports League game will be automatically suspended a minimum of one (1) game, as well as the remainder of the game in which the suspension occurred. Once suspended, the team, player(s), or spectator(s) may not participate or attend any City of Long Beach Adult Sports Activities during the duration of their suspension and until a decision is made by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. Failure to comply will result in additional penalties. Following the ejection of a team or individual, the game will not continue until the ejected participant(s) vacate the area. Failure to vacate the premises will result in additional penalties.

18. MISSED GAMES:

If a game is not played for any reason, please continue following your current schedule for all remaining games. For rescheduling information, contact the Sports Office or your Sports Coordinator.

19. PLAYOFFS:

A single-elimination tournament format will be utilized. The top four (4) teams in each division bracket will advance to the playoffs. Selected wild-card teams will be added if necessary, based on the discretion of the Adult Sports Coordinator. If a playoff team is not able to play, is disqualified, or removed from the division, the next-place team will be substituted in their playoff seed. When appropriate, first and second round playoffs will be played on the usual night and location of

league play. When appropriate in large divisions, teams may be divided into two separate playoffs at the discretion of the Adult Sports Coordinator. Nevertheless, teams must be available to play on other nights and locations, as well as multiple nights in the same week.

20. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY:

Players must be signed on the team's official team roster or on an official add/drop form and have competed in four (4) regular-season games to be eligible for the playoffs. Men's and Coed teams may play with a minimum of eight (8) players (Coed teams must consist of four (4) females and four (4) males) to avoid a forfeit. After playoff eligibility is posted, it is the team manager's responsibility to contact the Sports Office regarding any discrepancies.

21. TIE BREAKER:

In the event of a tie in the final standings of a league, the following tiebreaker will be used: 1. Total wins, 2. Regular season head-to-head competition, 3. Head-to-head differential, 4. Common Opponents 5. Strength of schedule, 6. Total run differential, 7. Lowest number of forfeits, 8. Coin Flip.

22. ILLEGAL PLAYERS:

An illegal player is: 1. a person playing on a team whose name and signature do not appear on that team's official roster or official add/drop forms. 2. a person on more than one (1) team roster on the same night in any sport, league, or division. 3. A person signed in on the scorecard and is not in attendance.

NOTE: Any team found using illegal players will automatically forfeit any and all games in which the illegal player participated. It is each team's manager's responsibility to monitor or protest illegal players.

23. WEATHER/FIELD CONDITIONS:

If you are in doubt of weather or field conditions possibly affecting your game, please call the Long Beach Field Conditions Hotline at 562-570-3799 after 3:00 PM on game day. Due to the large number of teams in our leagues, it is impossible for the League Coordinators to notify all team managers of cancelled game information. Teams should be prepared to play make-up games on any night or field and on short notice.

24. FIRST AID:

The City of Long Beach does not provide first aid at any Adult Sports facilities. It is recommended that the managers of each team bring any first aid items that they feel are necessary. Please see the specific sports rules.

25. SCMAF BLOOD RULE:

Any player, coach, or official who is bleeding has an open wound or has blood on his/her body or clothing is prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered.

If first aid is required for a player, the player must be immediately removed from the game, unless treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time.

A player, coach, or official will not be allowed to participate unless:

1. All bleeding has stopped
2. Any exposed cut/scrape that has bled is completely covered
3. Bloody clothing is removed

It is recommended that teams have spare clothing available at the game site to be used if necessary.

26. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS COORDINATOR:

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is the final authority for all on-field/court and off-field/court decisions (INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS) on any City of Long Beach Adult Sports League. The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator has the authority to ensure the safety of the participants, officials, spectators, and equipment at any City of Long Beach site or any site being used by any City of Long Beach Adult Sports League.

If necessary, the City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator is authorized to warn individuals of actions CONTRARY to the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook and eject any participant(s), spectator(s), or anyone else who does not comply with the rules and regulations as stated in the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook. This authority does not affect the official of the match in any way. It is in addition to that authority.

No rules or regulations dealing with a team's right to protest are changed by this supplement. Please see rule #11.

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines schedule changes, league relocations, and team reclassifications as necessary.

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports League Coordinator determines whether any games/matches are subject to suspension, replay, or forfeit as determined by the City of Long Beach Adult Sports Supplemental Rulebook.

27. CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The City of Long Beach Adult Sports Executive Committee is the final authority for all clarification and interpretation of rules and regulations as outlined in the City of Long Beach Supplemental Rulebook and the Participant's Code of Conduct.

28. MUSIC POLICY:

Music may only be played at games if **both team managers agree** on whether music will be played, when it will be played (such as pre-game, during the game, or post-game), and at what volume. If there is **no mutual agreement**, then **no music is allowed** during that game at any volume. If music is played, it must be **clean and free of explicit language, violence, or offensive content**, and should be appropriate for **all ages and backgrounds** to maintain the league's family-friendly environment. Additionally, music must not interfere with communication between players, coaches, or officials. **Officials have the authority** to ask for the music to be turned down or off at any time.

Coed & Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Supplemental Rules

Current Official 2025 SCMAF Softball Rules, as well as these supplemental rules, will be the official rules for play.

1. ROSTER / PLAYERS:

Coed and Men's Softball teams will defensively consist of ten (10) players.

Games may be played without a forfeit with eight (8) roster players present at game time. Please see Rule 1 of Coed League Specific Rules. Substitutes are permitted but must be clearly marked as a "Sub" on the scorecard.

The maximum roster size is sixteen (16) players.

Once the game has begun, a team may not play with seven (7) players as a result of ejection, injury, etc., resulting in a forfeit. NOTE: Please see the COED LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES section below for specific defensive and offensive player guidelines.

2. SUBSTITUTES:

In an emergency situation where a team is short a player at game time, they are allowed to bring in one substitute player from another team within the division to avoid a forfeit and be eligible to play the game. The player must be registered in the division and agree to fill in as an 'emergency player' only and not a permanent substitute. The player will be considered their 8th player and will have full playing privileges (for Coed: 4 women and 4 men). Players are allowed to sub up into higher divisions, but not down. For example: A Division 2 player may sub in Division 1, but a Division 1 player cannot sub in Divisions 2, 3, or 4. This rule applies to the night of games. Teams are still able to keep their own subs on their rosters (must be marked as "Sub" on the roster).

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

A participant may play for more than one (1) slow-pitch team organized by the City of Long Beach, but NOT more than one (1) team in any specific division or league. PENALTY: Forfeiture of all games played illegally.

4. PERSONAL CONDUCT:

No player or coach may address any official while in possession of a bat. This applies to all participants, spectators, and coaches before, during, or after the game. Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the game and indefinite suspension from the league until further review by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

5. GAME SHEET:

The umpire will present the scorecard to the teams, which are to have players listed in batting order. No game may begin until a completed scorecard with signatures is submitted to the umpire; however, the time limit for the game will begin as scheduled. NOTE: The longer you delay, the less you play. Late players must sign the scorecard before entering the game. Names on score sheet must provide first and last name as well as a signature; writing must be legible (Failure to provide legible, full names on score sheet may result in player not being given credit for game played)

6. UMPIRE FEES:

\$20.00 (Twenty) per team, per game, due to the umpire in cash prior to the start of the game. NOTE: Any team that does not have the full amount to pay the umpire by their scheduled game time or forfeit time (only for the first (1st) scheduled game time) will be subject to forfeit.

7. FOREIT TIME:

There is a ten (10) minute grace period for the first game only. All other games will start on time as scheduled.

8. FORFEIT RULE:

Teams forfeiting two (2) matches will not be eligible for the playoffs. Teams forfeiting three (3) matches will automatically be removed from the league and will forfeit the unused balance of fees.

9. GAME TIME:

Slow-pitch weeknight games will be regularly scheduled for 6:30, 7:45, and 9:00 pm, or 7:00 pm and 8:15 pm, depending on the number of needed game times. Sunday games will be scheduled at 12:00 PM, 1:15 PM, and 2:30 PM.

NOTE: The aforementioned times are subject to change.

10. LENGTH OF GAME:

Slow-pitch games will last seven (7) innings or 65 minutes, whichever occurs first. An inning that begins within the time limit will be completed unless it is the last half of an inning and the home team is ahead. All games are considered Official games after four (4) completed innings. All regular season and semifinal playoff games, except for the final playoff game, will follow the above rulings. All final playoff games will be played out fully, without a time limit, unless the mercy rule is invoked.

11. MERCY RULE:

A Slow-pitch game may end any time after four (4) innings when a team is behind by fifteen (15) runs or more and has completed its turn at bat.

12. RECLASSIFICATION:

Teams *may* be reclassified after the fifth (5th) game played and should be prepared to switch nights of play, if the need arises. Teams moved to higher classifications are assured of a playoff spot.

Subsequent playoff classification will be determined by the second (2nd) half results.

13. PLAYOFF GAME TIE-BREAKER:

In the event of a tie after the completion of seven (7) innings, a runner shall be placed at second base in each successive extra inning. The runner placed at second base will be the last out from the previous inning. NOTE: Regular season games end in a tie.

14. HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM:

The home team will occupy the third (3rd) base dugout. The home team will bring one (1) new, approved softball, and the visiting team will bring one (1) good, approved back-up softball. The umpire will be the sole judge of the quality of game balls. Failure to provide a new approved softball will result in forfeiture of

the home team status. NOTE: The Adult Sports Office will provide each playoff game with one (1) new game ball. Both teams must provide backup balls.

15. APPROVED SOFTBALLS:

The Sports Office will provide six (6) game balls to each registered team. The balls provided will be the only acceptable balls. If a team misplaces their softballs, they must replace them with the same brand provided by the Sports Office. NOTE: If the home team does not provide a new, unused softball on game day, the game may be declared a forfeit. Each team must bring one new, unused ball to the first league game. It is recommended that teams carry their used game softballs with them in case additional backup softballs are needed

16. APPROVED FOOTWEAR:

Metal cleats are not allowed in any City of Long Beach Adult Softball League. Plastic softball/baseball cleats are the recommended footwear for all leagues. Players found to be wearing metal cleats will be asked to change. If a player refuses to change cleats, does not have another pair of legal cleats, or is not legally substituted out of the game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.

17. PITCHING DISTANCE/PITCH HEIGHT/BASE LINES:

The pitching distance will be 50 feet and the baselines 60 feet for all leagues. Pitch height cannot exceed 16 feet. Minimum pitch height is based on the height of the batter and changes on an individual basis. To be legal, the pitch must arc higher than the batter's head.

18. COURTESY RUNNER:

There is no limit to courtesy runners allowed in an inning. However, a player may be a courtesy runner for only one player per inning. COED LEAGUE NOTE: A male may not be a courtesy runner for a female, and a female may not be a courtesy runner for a male.

NOTE: If a courtesy runner is on base when it is his/her turn to bat, an out will be awarded to the defensive team. A courtesy runner cannot be requested or awarded for a courtesy runner. If this out is not the third out, the courtesy

runner stays on base and the next batter in the respective gender lineup is up to bat.

19. ONE-AND-ONE COUNT:

All Coed and Men's Slow-pitch Adult Softball league participants will start each at bat with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count.

20. ONE-UP HOME RUN RULE:

ONLY AT ALL FENCED FIELDS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. THIS APPLIES TO ALL COED AND MEN'S LEAGUES! The first team to hit an over-the-fence home run cannot hit another home run until the opposing team hits an over-the-fence home run. Then either team can hit the next over-the-fence home run. If a team hits an ineligible home run, it will be ruled a single. Any ball that is touched on-the-fly and consequently goes over the fence will be ruled a four-base error, not a home run. It will not apply toward the one-up home run rule. NOTE: Runners may only advance one base on a One-Up Home Run if they are pushed/forced to advance.

21. THREE-STRIKE RULE:

The batter is out after having two strikes; the batter hits a second (2nd) foul ball.

22. OFFICIAL BATTING ORDER

The batting order must be established prior to the start of the game on the official scorecard and must be followed accordingly. A team will have the option of batting their entire team's legal roster or any number of players from 8-16 that are present at the time of the game.

23. OFFICIAL BATS:

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LEAGUES. This includes, but is not limited to: Easton Synergy and Mizuno Techfire. Bats shall have a bat performance factor (BPF) not exceeding 1.20. A bat with a composite handle is legal as long as the barrel is made up of an alloy.

Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Coed Leagues: Women may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle/aluminum

barrel). Men may use any single wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle/aluminum barrel).

Certified Bats for all City of Long Beach Men's Leagues: Men may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (Composite handle/aluminum barrel).

If a team is found to be in violation of this rule, the player in question will be ejected from the game and a one (1) game suspension will be assessed. The batted ball will be ruled an out, and any base runners must return to their original position on the base paths. ILLEGAL BAT ISSUES CANNOT BE PROTESTED AFTER A GAME.

NOTE: If an umpire believes in his/her judgment that a bat has altered from its original condition, he/she may deem the bat illegal and remove the bat from further game play.

COED LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

1. DEFENSIVE PLAY

The defensive team shall consist of ten (10) players, with a maximum of 5 men and 5 women in the game defensively at all times. A game may be played without forfeit with eight (8) rostered players (4 men – 4 women), or nine (9) rostered players with no more than five (5) of either sex. For example: 4 women – 5 men or 5 women – 4 men.

2. BATTING ORDER

Players must bat in alternating order by sex. Two batters of the same sex must never bat consecutively.

3. INTENTIONAL WALKS – MEN:

A male batter who is intentionally walked on three (3) consecutive balls, without a strike called during the at-bat, will be awarded second (2nd) base. Base runners will only advance if forced to do so.

4. COURTESY RUNNERS:

Men may only serve as courtesy runners for men, and women may only serve as courtesy runners for women.

5. OFFICIAL BATS:

Women may use any single wall, double wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle/aluminum barrel). Men may use any single wall, or Half and Half Bat (composite handle/aluminum barrel).

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SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND RULES

Specific to certain City of Long Beach Adult League Softball Fields. Questions or Ground rules not covered by these supplemental rules or the SCMAF Rulebook will be the sole judgment of the umpire.

El Dorado #3 and #4: 2800 Studebaker Rd.

1. Out of play, imaginary lines extend from the first base and third base dugout fences, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

Joe Rodgers Field: 10th and Park

1. Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the next immediate light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines to the outfield fences.

Pan American Park #1 and #2: 5157 Centralia

1. Out of play imaginary lines angle in from the end of the first base and third base dugout fences to the last (third) light pole, continuing parallel with the foul lines.
2. Any playable fly ball hit in FOUL territory that strikes an overhanging tree or bush is a dead ball. A strike will be issued to the batter, and any runners may not advance or be called out.
3. Any playable batted ball hit in FAIR territory that strikes an overhanging tree, bush, sidewalks, buildings, street, tables, and/or benches in the outfield is an automatic home run. All runners will score. This rule is in effect due to ensure the safety of all participants. NOTE: Batted ball does not have to hit any of the above on the fly. If the ball rolls onto the sidewalk, street, etc., it will also be ruled an automatic home run.

PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The participants' Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, and managers. The Code of Conduct applies to players as individuals or as a team, and the penalties can be applied to an individual or an entire team. This Code becomes effective as soon as the participants arrive at the facility of play and remains in effect until participants leave the facility.

1. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. At any time lay hand upon, push, shove, or strike, or threaten to strike an official.
- b. At any time, throw any object or piece of equipment at any participant(s), official(s), or spectator(s). This includes, but is not limited to, bats, gloves, helmets, balls, etc.
- c. Be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official, or spectator.
- d. Endanger the safety of any player, official, or spectator.
- e. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against any opposing player.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend the participant from further play in the game and report such participant to the Adult Sports Coordinator. Such participant shall remain suspended until a letter is received from the participant requesting a hearing before the Adult Sports Executive Committee, and the hearing has been held. Such a hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible. Managers will be notified of the decision reached by the Adult Sports Committee.

NOTE: All Officials, managers, and/or participants involved must submit a written report within two (2) working days following the incident, in order to be considered in the hearing.

Any and all unwarranted physical contact (see rules 1, a-e) will result in an automatic one (1) year suspension. This suspension cannot be appealed until after the one (1) year suspension has expired. All appeals must be submitted to the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

2. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Refuse to abide by the official's decision.
- b. Be guilty of heaping personal verbal abuse upon an official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
- c. Be guilty of destruction and/or abuse of City property.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend the participant from further play in the game and to report such player to the Adult Sports Coordinator for appropriate action. It shall be the prerogative of the Adult Sports Executive Committee to allow such participant to play under probation or to have such participant report for a hearing to consider his/her case.

3. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision by throwing gloves, bats, balls, a timer, or personal equipment, or any other forceful action.
- b. Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official. (Exception: Manager or Captain.)
- c. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.
- d. Use profane, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner, at any time.

PENALTY:

The degree of infraction of this tenet of good sportsmanship shall, in the official's judgment, draw a minimum penalty of a warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game.

4. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Smoke while going on or coming off the field of play, or while on the field of play.
- b. Be guilty of publicly discussing with spectators in a derogatory manner any lay, decision, or his/her personal opinion of other players during the game.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to warn participants; failure to comply will result in removal from the game.

5. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Permit anyone to remain in the dugout or on the player's bench during the game who is not a playing member of the team (Managers and Coaches excepted).
- b. Mingle with or fraternize with the spectators during the course of the game, but shall remain on the player's bench/dugout or on the field of play.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to warn participants: Failure to comply will result in removal from the game.

6. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Appear on any City facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or consume any alcoholic beverage(s) while on that facility or participating in a recreational program.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to immediately suspend and report the participant to the Adult Sports Coordinator for further consideration. Teams will forfeit any games, plus face possible suspension from the league and forfeiture of all fees.

7. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a. Be guilty of gambling upon any play or the outcome of the game with any official, spectator, player, or opponent.

PENALTY:

Officials are required to report violations of this rule to the Sports Office. Any participant ejected from a game by the official for any cause is subject to further disciplinary action by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

See specific Sports SUPPLEMENTAL RULES for additional Rules of Conduct.

Penalties for violations of the Participants Code of Conduct or other violations for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine or Sports Section policies are determined by the Adult Sports Executive Committee. The following categories of penalties may be levied by the Adult Sports Executive Committee:

1. Forfeiture of game(s):

- a. The forfeiture of one or more games.

2. Probation:

- a. A team or player may be placed on probation for a length of time to be determined by the Adult Sports Executive Committee.
- b. A team or player on probation who violates the Participants' Code of Conduct will be suspended INDEFINITELY from the Sports Program.

3. Fines:

- a. In addition to the above penalties, violations of the Code of Conduct or other Department or Sports Section rules could result in a fine.

4. Suspensions (leveled by the Adult Sports Executive Committee are based on the severity of each incident.

- a. The suspension(s) of a player(s) or team for one (1) calendar year or less.
- b. Suspensions LESS than one (1) year in duration may be appealed to the Adult Sports Executive Committee. A letter must be submitted to the Supervisor of the Sports Section within one (1) week following the decision of the Adult Sports Executive Committee.

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PENALTIES ADMINISTERED BY THE ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR MAY BE APPEALED ONLY AFTER A ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION HAS BEEN SERVED.

ALL ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

NOTE: WHEN A PARTICIPANT IS UNDER SUSPENSION IN A SPORT, HE/SHE IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER CITY OF LONG BEACH ADULT SPORTS PROGRAM UNTIL REINSTATED BY THE ADULT SPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.