



# CITY OF JANESVILLE

*Wisconsin's Park Place*

Recreation Division

Adult Softball League

## Player Code of Conduct

Participation in the City of Janesville Adult Softball Leagues is a privilege, which may be denied or suspended for violation of the Rules & Regulations, as well as Player Code of Conduct. The supervisory staff has the authority to enforce the rules and regulations and player code of conduct of the adult softball leagues and to assess any penalties and/or suspensions for players, coaches, managers, as well as spectators. Additionally, staff have the authority to make decisions on situations not specified in the Rules & Regulations and Player Code of Conduct. Please help us continue to grow Dawson and Adult Softball in Janesville by making the facility family friendly and a fun Recreation environment for all. Umpires are hard to find and the main reason is player conduct. If we want a program to remain in Janesville all players must treat umpires, staff and other players respectfully.

### General Information/Conduct

- All Rules & Regulations governing participant, coach, manager or spectator behavior shall be in effect while the individual is in the playing facility or on the grounds.
- Only managers or team captains (designated by the manager) may confer with Staff/Umpires, in an orderly manner, on rule interpretations (not judgement calls).
- Individuals, players and/or spectators ejected must leave the playing facility/grounds immediately. Failure to do so in a timely manner will result in the forfeiture of the game for the team and a call to the Police for removal.
- Individuals ejected from two games during the season will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- If after one player gets ejected in a game, then a second person gets ejected, the team will forfeit that game or If more than one player gets ejected in a specific game the team will forfeit that game
- City of Janesville, Recreation Division staff reserve the right to issue a longer suspension to players with recurring player conduct issues or history of ejections.
- If a physical altercation occurs between two teams both teams and all players will be suspended from the league for the entire season at the umpire's and supervisor's discretion.

### Player, Manager, Coach & Spectator Code of Conduct

**These are actions not tolerated at Dawson Softball Complex and the Associated Penalties:**

1. In accordance with the City of Janesville-Adult Softball League's Rules & Regulations, the following are not tolerated and shall be just cause for staff/umpire warning and further ejection if action is not stopped:
  - Smoking or drinking on the field of play
  - Yelling at an Umpire over a call or decision
  - Swearing/using profanity loudly enough for the opposing team or spectators to hear.
2. In accordance with the City of Janesville-Adult Softball League's Rules & Regulations, the following are not tolerated and shall be just cause for forfeiture of game for team:
  - Using illegal players
  - Having an ejected player not leave the grounds (includes parking lot) timely.

3. In accordance with the City of Janesville-Adult Softball League's Rules & Regulations, the following are not tolerated and shall be just cause for immediate ejection from the game/facility, as well as a suspension from the next game at a minimum or a multiple game suspension if warranted:
  - Swearing/using profanity loudly enough for the opposing team or spectators to hear.
  - Threatening, aggressively arguing, or trying to intimidate other players, supervisor or other staff, umpires or spectators before, during or after the game.
  - Possession or use of any illegal substance while in the playing facility.
  - Participating under the influence of alcohol (playing intoxicated).
  - Unsportsmanlike or refusal to abide by an umpire/staff decision.
  - Bringing to the park and utilizing altered equipment/bats
4. Any participant found or reported to have engaged in the following shall be suspended for a minimum of one year from the date the offense occurred or multiple year suspension/facility ban if warranted:
  - Physical assault/contact of an umpire or other staff, or other player/spectator.
  - Disorderly conduct.
  - Physical threats of violence to players, family members, and officials. This includes threatening people verbally that they are going to fight them after a game in the parking lot, etc.

*A second offense by an individual engaging in any of the above categories can result, as deemed necessary by staff, in up to a five-year suspension from the City of Janesville Adult Softball League and Dawson Softball Complex.*

#### **Due Process:**

- If a player has been suspended from a softball game and/or league, he/she will receive written notice by staff via an emailed letter to participant and the manager.
- If the suspended participant feels he/she has been treated unfairly, the participant must prepare a written response within 3 business days after receiving written notice. This should be turned in to the Adult Softball Supervisor or the Recreation Director in their absence.
- There will then be a period of hearing the players case and other people involved in the situation to consider all information.
- There will be a fair and impartial decision made and put in writing by the Recreation Division Administration regarding the matter

By signing the team roster, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the City of Janesville-Adult Softball League Code of Conduct. I agree to follow the Adult Softball League Rules and Regulations and abide by the Player Code of Conduct.