

**City of Fresno**  
**Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services**  
**Community Sports Program**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to provide an atmosphere of recreation and sportsmanship, regulations are necessary and must cover all who are connected with the program. The violation of simple acts of good sportsmanship and common courtesy will not be permitted to destroy the program.

The degree of disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Community Sports Supervisor.

The Manager or Coach shall see that players, spectators, do not violate the following regulations:

- I. The consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage or use of drugs is prohibited on a City of Fresno facility.
  - a. Official is required to immediately remove player(s) from the game, or if observed prior to the game, prevent person from playing.  
**EFFECT: WARNING TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR PROBATION OF ONE (1) YEAR.**
- II. Intimidation or aggressive action toward an official, player or spectator is not allowed.  
**EFFECT: TWO (2) GAME SUSPENSION TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR PROBATION OF ONE (1) YEAR.**
- III. A physical attack on an official, player or spectator is not allowed. Official is required to immediately eject the player(s) and report such player(s) to the Community Sports Supervisor.  
**EFFECT: THREE (3) GAMES TO TEN (10) YEARS SUSPENSION AND/OR ONE (1) TO TWO (2) YEARS PROBATION, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INFRACTION. AFTER TWO (2) YEARS, A PLAYER MAY APPEAL TO THE SPORTS SUPERVISOR.**
- IV. No profane, obscene, derogatory or racial remarks to an official, player or spectator. Any communication or action that causes a disturbance is not allowed. Official is required to immediately eject such person from the game.  
**EFFECT: EJECTION FROM GAME AND/OR TWO (2) GAMES TO ONE (1) YEAR PROBATION OR SUSPENSION.**
- V. Player(s) shall abide by the official's final decision. Official is required to immediately eject a player(s) from further play and report such player(s) to the Community Sports Supervisor for failure to comply with the official's decision. Only managers have the opportunity to speak with an official.  
**EFFECT: ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR ONE (1) YEAR PROBATION.**
- VI. No smoking while on the field of play. In the case of basketball or volleyball, no smoking is allowed around the building. Official is to notify the team manager, recreation leader and/or Community Sports Supervisor of the violation.  
**EFFECT: TWO (2) GAMES TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR ONE-YEAR PROBATION.**
- VII. There shall be no throwing of equipment or any other object(s) by a player(s) or spectator(s).  
**EFFECT: EJECTION FROM THE GAME TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR ONE-YEAR PROBATION.**
- VIII. There will be no cause for defacement or destruction of any City of Fresno facility or equipment.  
**EFFECT: ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION TO ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION AND/OR PAYMENT TO REPLACE DAMAGED FACILITY OR EQUIPMENT.**
- IX. There shall be no illegal player(s) participating in any athletic contest.  
The following defines an illegal player:
  - a. Falsifying a player(s) name on a team contract or scorecard to participate in a league by a manager, coach or player.

b. A person on the "ACTIVE SUSPENSION LIST."

**EFFECT: ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION FROM THE DATE THE INFRACTION WAS DISCOVERED. FOLLOWING AN APPEAL, DURING LEAGUE PLAY THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT ALL GAME AFFECTED BY THE ILLEGAL PLAYER.**

X. Any manager, coach or player(s) ejected from two (2) athletic contests during the athletic season shall be suspended.

**EFFECT: ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION, EFFECTIVE THE DATE OF THE LAST EJECTION, AND/OR PROBATION FOR ONE (1) YEAR.**

XI. Any manager, coach or player(s) ejected from an athletic contest will leave the facility within three (3) minutes (official time out). The team manager will be responsible for removing the offender(s) within the same three (3) minute period or forfeit the game. The offender(s) must be completely removed from the facility and under NO circumstances may return.

XII. The right to appeal a Sports Supervisor's decision MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING by the manager, coach or player within 30 days to the Community Sports Supervisor.

## **LEAGUE TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE**

League standings and post-season pairings are based on:

1. Overall record based on points
2. Overall record based on winning percentage
3. Head to Head
4. Victory margin over head to head opponent, if team split season series
5. Fewest runs allowed over season
6. Coin flip

## **PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

**SEEDING** Teams will be placed in a league in as fair a manner as possible. Ability level, past performance, and special requests will all be taken into consideration but not guaranteed.

**RAIN OUT**

**ACTS OF NATURE** Games will be made up at the discretion of the Sports Supervisor. Make up week(s) will be provided.

**TEAM**

**MANAGEMENT** Only the team manager will be required or allowed to handle team matters as they relate to the Community Sports Program.

**ADD/DROP**

Player(s) can be added to a team roster up to the fourth (4th) game. This process is to be done through a direct request to an Adult Sports Specialist or Supervisor. Upon approval the requested player will be added to TeamSideline.com/Fresno. Any player(s) added after the deadline, in an incorrect manner will be declared ineligible and the team's games will follow the forfeit process.

**PROTEST**

A team may protest a rule interpretation that occurred during a game. This protest must be filed by the manager or coach no later than 5:00pm the next business day. The winning team cannot file a protest; however, the manager or coach can call the Sports Office and discuss the situation with the Sports Supervisor. Judgment calls cannot be protested.

**All City League athletic events are provided to foster a positive, competitive, and enjoyable sporting environment. However, keep in mind that we all must go back to work the next day. "Rough Play" or "Horse Play" will not be tolerated as it can result in injuries. Keep the games in perspective and have a good time.**