

City of Fort Worth Adult Sports: Disciplinary Actions & Cancelled Games/Rainouts

Zero Tolerance: Umpires and league officials must eject any player, coach, or spectator for unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes but is not limited to: profanity, threats, fighting, intoxication, arguing with umpires, intentional bat throwing, or mistreatment of facilities or equipment.

- Only team captains or coaches may discuss gameplay situations with sports officials.
- Participants must not appear on the field under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Ejected individuals must leave the Charles H. Haws Athletics Center/Gateway Park Sports Complex immediately. Refusal to leave or threatening behavior will result in game forfeiture and police intervention.
- Ejected players face a minimum one-week suspension, with possible extensions based on incident severity. Suspended individuals cannot participate in any Fort Worth Athletics activities during the suspension period. Bye weeks and rainouts do not count toward the suspension.
- A second ejection in a single season results in a minimum of 1-year suspension from all Fort Worth Park and Recreation Athletic Leagues.

Suspension Appeals:

- Suspensions longer than one week will be reviewed by City of Fort Worth Park and Recreation - Athletics Division officials.
- Appeals must be submitted in writing within five business days of suspension notification. The Athletic Sports Program Coordinator will respond within five business days.
- Suspended players are not allowed at the Athletics Complexes (Charles H. Haws Athletics Center/Gateway Park Sports Complex) during the appeal process.
- Fraudulent activity, including playing under an assumed name or falsifying rosters, may result in a minimum 1-Year removal from all Fort Worth Athletics activities.
- Final suspension decisions are at the discretion of league officials.

Weather-Related Cancellations:

- A decision to play or cancel games due to threatening weather will be made by 4:00 p.m. on game day. If conditions change later, updates will be provided via phone with the Athletic Sports Programmer and the Rain Out Line.

Rain/Flood Protocol:

- a) By 2:00 p.m., the Athletic Field Maintenance Supervisor or City Safety Coordinator will assess field conditions and notify the Athletics Section.

b) After 2:00 p.m., the Athletics Coordinating Supervisor will make the final decision by game time.

c) After game time, umpires will determine field playability.

Rain Out Notifications:

- Updates posted on the Rain Out Line App. Coaches/Captains with provided contact info will receive email/text notifications.
- Information posted on TeamSideline and Facebook.

Game Completion Rules:

- A game is considered complete after 3½ innings if the home team is winning, or 4 innings if not. Games postponed before completion will be rescheduled.

Rescheduling:

- Rained-out games will be rescheduled for the following week.

Consecutive Rain Outs:

- If two consecutive rainouts occur, league games will be rescheduled to the following Thursday (for softball) to stay on track.