

# **Leisure Services Division Code of Conduct**

## **INTRODUCTION**

All rules in this Code of Conduct are in effect for all sports administered by the City of Cheyenne Parks & Recreation Department's Athletic Leagues. These rules have been developed for the protection and wellbeing of all participants/spectators. All rules remain in effect for all participants before, during and after the play of any game.

The primary purpose of any league is fun and enjoyment. Good sportsmanship is required of all participants. There is no justification for unsportsmanlike conduct by players or spectators regardless of the situation. Team representatives, players and spectators may be fined, ejected and/or suspended from further participation, including spectating, due to unsportsmanlike acts. Therefore, team representatives, players and spectators who become upset before, during or after a game should remove themselves from the situation.

Any player who disagrees with the decision of the League Director about Code of Conduct cases may appeal the decision in writing and turn it in to the Leisure Services Division office at the Neighborhood Facility, 610 W. 7th Street, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm. The appeal will then be considered through the chain of command of the Parks & Recreation Staff as follows: (1) Recreation Coordinator (2) Director of Leisure Services (3) Director of Parks & Recreation.

Any action not covered in the Code of Conduct, or only partially covered will be handled at the discretion of the League Director.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**PARTICIPATION** - Any involvement in the Cheyenne Parks & Recreation Department activities such as spectating, officiating, playing and coaching.

**TEAM REPRESENTATIVE** - A person designated as team leader. This person can be either a player or a non-player. This is the person with whom the Leisure Services Division staff communicates the league information. Team representatives are required to inform team members of the rules that govern the league.

**PLAYER** - A person who actively participates in the game (even if sitting on the bench) and who is on the official team roster.

**SUPERVISOR** - A person hired by the Parks & Recreation Department to supervise league activities during city sponsored league play.

**LEAGUE DIRECTOR** - A full-time Parks & Recreation Department employee designated to organize and administer the activity.

**EJECTION** - To be removed from a league game. Players who are ejected from the game must leave the playing area within one minute of when the official ejects them. Ejected players are to leave the facility as soon as they gather their belongings (these are important factors that are considered by the League Director when deciding whether the player should be suspended). Any player that is ejected must minimally pay a \$50 re-entry fine and may serve a one (1) game suspension before participating in another game. If the player does not pay the fine but shows up to play anyway, the game or games will be forfeited by his/her team.

**EJECTION FORM** - A form filled out by the ejecting official(s) describing the incident. If you witness an act and wish to comment, you may do so by locating the supervisor and asking them for the form. If you cannot locate the ejection form, your written and signed report will be accepted at the Leisure Services Division offices the following working day.

**PROBATION** - A player who is on probation is allowed only one (1) more ejection. Players may be allowed two (2) ejections, depending on severity, per league before being suspended for the remainder of the season.

**SUSPENSION** - To be eliminated from future games for a specific period of time. A player who is on suspension is not allowed to participate or spectate in any sport administered by the Parks & Recreation Department.

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**UNSPORTSMANLIKE PENALTIES** - The following is a list of actions that are detrimental to City League play. Each action is followed by a minimum and maximum penalty which will be imposed on players.

**NO ONE SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove or threaten an official, player or spectator. Officials are required to immediately eject anyone who violates this rule from further play that evening and report such individual(s) to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension for up to three (3) league games, \$50 re-entry fine and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from all City sponsored league play for an indeterminate number of years, plus up to three (3) years of probation.

**NO ONE SHALL:** Refuse to abide by any officials decision. First offense will result in a verbal warning. Second offense May incur an ejection from further play that evening. Officials are to immediately eject the player and report such individual(s) to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** \$50.00 re-entry fine and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension for half of the remaining league games or three games whichever is longer.

**NO ONE SHALL:** Be guilty of obscene gestures, or objectionable demonstrations of dissent at the official's decision. Anyone who violates this rule shall be ejected from further play that evening. Officials are required to report such individuals to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Ejection from game, \$50 re-entry fine.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the complex and suspension for up to the remainder of the season.

**NO ONE SHALL:** Before, during or after a game, be guilty of continued verbal abuse upon any player, official, supervisor or spectator. Officials are required to impose a game misconduct and shall submit a written report to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Ejection from game, \$50 re-entry fine.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the complex and suspension for up to the remainder of the season.

**NO ONE SHALL:** Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official, except the Team Representative.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Warning by the official.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Ejection from the game, \$50 re-entry fee and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**NO ONE SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body of an opposing player. Such actions will result in sitting out one (1) inning/quarter/period. A repeat offence will require the official to immediately eject anyone who violates this rule from further play that evening, and report such individual(s) to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** \$50 re-entry fine and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension for the remainder of the season and one (1) year probation.

**NO TEAM/PLAYER SHALL:** Appear at the facility to play under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from all league games until team re-entry fine is paid, \$50 re-entry fine and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension for the remainder of the season and one (1) year probation.