

Louisville Slugger Sports Complex 16" Softball League

Louisville Slugger Sports Complex Behavior Management Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex. This program is offered for your enjoyment and therefore your cooperation and good sportsmanship is essential to the overall success of the program. All players, coaches, managers and spectators are anticipated to act responsibly during the entire program. In instances where responsible behavior does not occur, LSSC appreciates/acknowledges a responsibility to take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate against players, coaches, managers and spectators not acting in an acceptable manner, including, but not limited to suspension from games, expulsion from the park and participation in any future programs. The benefit a participant derives from this program depends very much on the participant's adherence to accepted standards of behavior.

These definitions provide information and directions to participants regarding standards of behavior, as well as consequences of participant/team misconduct.

Each participant is expected to do the following:

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- Respect the rights and privileges of other participants and staff.
- Respect the property of others, including LSSC property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the staff in maintaining safety, order, and responsible behavior.

Unacceptable behaviors include the following:

- Being involved in any form of insubordination.
- Failure to conform to the LSSC rules.
- Use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Defacing and/or damaging LSSC property or the property of others.
- Engaging in inappropriate physical or verbal conduct.
- Running, pushing, shoving, littering, or throwing objects (which are not part of supervised activity).
- Producing loud, rude, or activity disruptive noises.
- Possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons on or off the playing field.

CATEGORY I

Minimum Penalty: Warning

Maximum Penalty: Ejection from current game plus suspension for next complete game & probation for current season.

No Individual Shall:

1. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing equipment or any other forceful action intended to intimidate.
2. Discuss with an official, in any manner, the decision reached by an official, except the manager, coach or captain.

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3. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any individual on or off the playing field (excessive could fall into Category II or III).
 4. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field.
 5. Employ unnecessary rough tactics in the play of game (Intentional/flagrant could fall into Category II or III).
 6. Be involved in any trash talking on or off the playing field.
 7. Leave behind excessive trash on or off the playing field.
 8. Attempt to damage, destroy or steal LSSC property.
 9. Drink alcoholic beverages during their specific league or tournament game on the playing field or in the dugout.
 10. Play on more than one team in the same league.
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CATEGORY II

Minimum Penalty: Ejection from current game and individual suspension (minimum 2 games) plus probation for current season.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from league(s) for current season & probation for the next season of play.

No Individual Shall:

1. Appear on the field of play, at any time, in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any type of drug which will infringe upon the individual's safety or the safety of others.
 2. Lay a hand upon, shove, or threaten to strike an official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed)
 3. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or LSSC on or off the playing field.
 4. Use excessive profane, obscene or vulgar language/behavior, in any manner, at any time, on or off the playing field.
 5. Directly or indirectly threaten another individual including officials and/or LSSC staff. (Assault charges may be filed).
 6. Play under another individual's name, falsify name, or falsify address on an official roster form.
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CATEGORY III

Minimum Penalty: Forfeit of game and/or suspension from league(s) (team and/or individual) and probation for one year

Maximum Penalty: Banned from future LSSC

No Individual Shall:

1. Be guilty of a physical attack upon any official or individual. (Assault charges may be filed)
 2. Be guilty of throwing equipment at any official or individual with intent to harm or intimidate. (Assault charges may be filed)
 3. Be guilty of damaging, destroying or stealing LSSC property.
 4. Be guilty of possessing a weapon on or off the playing field.
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Special Notes:

1. Definitions:
 - a. **Probation** – Probation is considered to be a period of time in which said player or coach will be closely watched by league officials for the purpose of verifying an understanding of and compliance with the behavior management code.
 - b. **Season** – A season will be considered the time between the first game and through the end of the playoffs.
2. Any unsportsmanlike conduct, even if not mentioned above, will be addressed on a case by case basis.
3. The LSSC reserves the right to extend probation/suspensions into the next season he/she participates in if the incident occurs late in any given season.
4. Any player removed (ejected) from a game must leave the facility immediately and serve a one game suspension. Failure to do so may result in suspension for the remainder of the season and possible forfeiture of the game. A player cannot serve their suspension for any game that their team forfeits.
5. If an ejected player refuses to leave the park in a timely manner the game will be forfeited by his team. If players on both teams are ejected and both refuse to leave the park in a timely manner the game will be ruled a double forfeit.
6. Team penalties may be imposed if multiple individuals, from the same team, violate this code of conduct. Managers/coaches may also have penalties imposed on them for their team's/player's actions.
7. Penalty notification shall be in writing.
8. Any discipline appeals must be made in writing, by the player or manager within one (1) Business day of receiving notice of penalty by LSSC staff. The appeal should be given to the League and Tournament Committee at LSSC. Appeals must include a written description of the incident according to the player in question and the reasons why they feel the penalty is not justified. The League and Tournament Committee will have a response to the appeal within 2 business days.

****By signing the team roster, all players, coaches, and managers attest that they have read and understand this Louisville Slugger Sports Complex Behavior Management Code of Conduct. They further agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.**