

# AVSA CODE OF CONDUCT

## VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

**A. Striking or Threatening an Official-** No player shall bump, shove, strike, touch in a threatening manner or threaten bodily harm to any official (before, during or after the game).

**Penalty:** Player is suspended from further league play for the remainder of the season or longer depending upon the severity of the incident. (Police department and/or USSSA/NSA may be notified).

**B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct-** Verbal abuse, profanity, arguing, irrational behavior, etc directed toward officials, recreation staff, players or fans is defined as unsportsmanlike conduct (before, during or after the game). Coaches are responsible for their team's actions.

**Penalty:** Players/Coaches that are ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will be suspended a minimum of 2 games or more, depending upon the severity of the incident.

Players/Coaches that are ejected from the game must leave the park and the surrounding area of the playing field. Player (s) refusing to abide will be suspended from present and possible future leagues and loss of game.

Any harassment of the officials by anyone may lead to forfeiture of the game and expulsion from further league competition.

Players/Coaches will be advised of abuse of the profanity rule in pre-game. That will constitute the only warning given.

1. (Team on Offense) The first violation of the profanity rule by a player at bat, a bench player or coach will result in the batter being called out and the ball being declared dead with all runners returning to the bases they occupied at the time of the pitch. The next scheduled batter will also be declared out. If the batter's profanity was the third out of the inning the first batter of the next inning will be declared out and the team will start their half inning with one out.
2. (Team on Defense) The first violation of the profanity rule by a defensive player, a bench player or coach will result in the first scheduled batter the next half inning being called out and the offending player will be called out on his/her next at bat. If the offending player is the first scheduled batter he/she will be declared out and that will be the only out. If the offending player is replaced before he/she comes to bat the substitute will serve the penalty.
3. The next violation, by the same player will result in the ejection of that player from that game with unsportsmanlike conduct penalty's to apply (see above).

**C. Physical Confrontations-** Fighting, shoving, etc between opposing players or teammates.

**Penalty:** Player is immediately ejected from game and may be suspended for remainder of season or more depending upon the severity of the incident.\*

**D. Ejection Rule:** Any player or coach, (hereafter referred to as player), ejected from an AVSA sanctioned event for any reason will be required to pay a \$20 fine. The umpire assigned to the affected game has 24 hours to file an ejection report with the appropriate league and the fine must be paid within 24 hours of the player's coach being notified of the ejection fine. It is the responsibility of the board of the offending player to notify a representative of the WVUA that the fine has been paid. If the fine is not paid within the designated 24 hour period the player will be banned from participating in any AVSA sanctioned event until the aforementioned fine is paid. This encompasses any team the player may be playing for.

In the event that an ejection occurs but is not reported by the affected umpire within 24 hours to the appropriate league, the player will not be fined and the affected umpire will incur the \$20 fine.

**E. Alcohol Rule:** Any player appearing to be intoxicated will be subject to the following consequences and coaches repercussions are included as well, 1<sup>st</sup> offence the player will be removed from the remainder of the game, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence the player will be ejected and must follow the ejection rule to return and coach is fined, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense the player will be out for the remainder of the season, coach is fined and ejected and must follow the ejection rule to return.

**REPEATED CODE VIOLATIONS** – Individual players and teams that have repeated code of conduct violations will be suspended from further Apple Valley Softball league play.

\* Any player suspended during the last game of the season will sit out the first two (2) games of his/her next season.

**All players must sign this Code of Conduct, for their team, prior to stepping foot on the field. I have read and agree to the AVSA Code of Conduct, which applies to all AVSA leagues, teams and games.**

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