

City of Fort Lauderdale Adult Athletic League - Code of Conduct

It is our intent to provide all participants with a safe and secure environment while participating in any City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation adult athletic leagues.

Due to the nature of sports competition, situations result in which players, spectators, coaches and/or teams are ejected from sport contests. These guidelines are a reference for the range of suspensions that will be issued if individual(s) are ejected from a sport or site.

In softball, hitting up the middle is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. If a batter hits a hard or sharply hit ball that hits the pitcher, in a manner that the pitcher does not have enough time to react to the ball to protect him or herself, the play will be declared a dead ball and the batter will be out.

1. The call is considered a judgment call and cannot be protested.
2. Any player saying he or she is going to hit up the middle intentionally will automatically be removed from the game.

Offenses/Actions

A. Level 1 Offenses

Description: This includes ejections from a game based on infractions and/or all non-physical offenses, which are inherently illegal in the sport and diminish the quality of sportsmanship. Examples include but are not limited to:

1. A fake tag in softball.
2. Derogatory remarks or actions towards participants, league officials and/or City staff.
3. Profanity towards participants, league officials and/or City staff.

B. Level 1 Actions

1. Removal of player from game, by umpire/league official.
2. Verbal warning, conference with individual player and team captain.

Repeated Offenses:

1. Verbal warning, conference with individual player/team captain.
2. Playing privileges may be revoked, 1-week suspension.

C. Level 2 Offenses

Description: Ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct of a physical nature directed towards other participants, league officials and/or City staff. Intent to injure, induce physical force or continued aggressive behavior. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Tackling in flag football.
2. Verbal threats directed towards participants, league officials and/or City staff.
3. Bullying/provoking a fight.
4. Throwing a bat.
5. Theft of City of Fort Lauderdale property.

D. Level 2 Actions

1. Removal of player from game, by umpire/league official.
2. Playing privileges revoked, minimum 2-week suspension depending on severity. If physical force used, minimum 3 week suspension.
3. Conference with individual player/team captain informing of revoked playing privileges.
4. Notification in writing of revoked playing privileges.

Repeated Offenses:

1. Conference with individual player/team captain informing of revoked playing privileges.
2. Playing privileges revoked, minimum 2-week suspension, depending on infraction/severity. If 2nd offense is only verbal, suspension will be 1-week more than previous suspension amount.
3. Notification in writing of revoked playing privileges to individual player/team captain.

E. Level 3 Offenses

Description: Malicious and/or Aggressive physical contact towards a participant, league official and/or City staff before, during or after any sports contest. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Intentional and/or flagrant striking, spitting, pushing, slapping or elbowing a participant, league official and/or City staff.
2. Repeated threats/harassment towards a participant, league official and/or City staff.
3. Fighting with weapons, bats included.
4. Intentional property damage to any City of Fort Lauderdale property.

F. Level 3 Actions

1. Immediate removal of player from game or facility, by umpire, league official or City staff.
2. Playing privileges revoked immediately, 3 week thru 1 year suspension, depending on severity.
3. Conference with individual player/team captain informing of revoked playing privileges.
4. Notification in writing of revoked playing privileges to individual player(s)/team captain, team may be placed on probation.

Repeated Offenses:

1. Conference with individual player(s)/team captain informing of revoked playing privileges.
2. Playing privileges revoked, complete season – thru 1 year suspension depending on severity, team may be placed on probation.
3. Notification in writing of revoked playing privileges to individual player/team captain, team may be placed on probation.

G. Repeated/Serious Infractions

1. In case of continued and/or serious infractions by same team, a team may be revoked of playing privileges.
2. Permanent suspension from athletic league may result based on severity of infractions.