

**COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS (CARA)
COACH AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT MODIFIED FOR THE
COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (CSSA)**

DEFINITIONS

COACH/MANAGER: A person designated as team spokesman. One who is either a player or non-player. Hereafter, Coach or Manager will be referred to as only coach.

PLAYER: A person who actively participates in the game, sits on the bench, or who is on the roster.

CONTEST AREA: That area which is designated by the host team or the tournament director.

OFFICIAL: Person or persons on the field to administer the official rules.

PARTICIPATION: Any involvement in the CARA/CSSA activities such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching or attending non-sporting events.

CARA/CSSA ACTIVITY: Any event designated by or scheduled through CARA or CSSA.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: The person designated by the host agency, CARA or CSSA, who is directly responsible for the activity.

SUSPENSION: Any player ejected from a league game shall be ineligible to participate in any other league games that day. In addition he shall be ineligible to participate in his team's next scheduled double header. Should that double header be postponed because of weather or other reasons, he shall still be ineligible for the make-up games. If the ejection occurs on the last date of the regular season, he shall be ineligible for any make-up games for that date and the first game of the post season tournament. If a player is ejected from a tournament game he will be ineligible to play in his team's next scheduled game of that tournament.

ONE-MINUTE CLAUSE: One minute shall be allowed for a suspended player to remove himself from the designated contest area. If this time limit is not met, the contest shall be forfeited to the opponents.

CONDUCT

1. **THE COACH:** Be the ONLY team representative who may discuss a decision with the officials.

2. **NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an official, player or spectator. Refuse to abide by an official's, Tournament Director's or CSSA Board decision. Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of another player. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official or spectator. Appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs in such a manner as to not have control of his faculties to the extent that he is inclined to hurt himself or another player.
Minimum Penalty:

Suspended from further play and removal from the contest area.

Maximum Penalty:

Penalty shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. **NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:** Consume alcoholic beverages or beer while the player or team is participating in the game.

Minimum Penalty:

Officials are required to forfeit the game in the opponent's favor. In addition all offending players will be considered suspended as per the definition above.

Maximum Penalty:

Penalty shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

4. **NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:** Be guilty of obscene gestures or objectionable demonstration of dissent at official's or tournament director's decisions.

Minimum Penalty:

1st offense - Warning by the official, and report such person to the tournament director and/or the CSSA Board.

2nd offense - Suspended from further play and removal from contest area.

Maximum Penalty:

Penalty shall be determined by the CSSA Board of Directors.

5. The decisions of the officials are final; Judgment calls may not be protested.
6. The one-minute clause shall be in effect for players suspended from the contest area.

ENFORCEMENTS

1. **Suspended Player:** Suspension from a game or from tournament play may result in the player's case being heard by the Tournament Director and/or the CSSA Board of Directors. Their decision shall be binding.
 - A. A suspended player must remove himself immediately from the confines of the contest area and shall not play in the team's next scheduled game(s) as per the definition of Suspension.
 - B. If a suspended player does not remove himself from the confines of the contest area, the officials or tournament director shall call the authorities.
2. The officials or the Tournament Director shall be responsible for suspending players from further game play and the CSSA Board of Directors may suspend players from further participation in CSSA sponsored events.
3. **Elasticity - Officials or the Tournament Director:** Any enforcement procedures which are not listed herein may be provided by the officials, by the Tournament Director or by the CSSA Board of Directors as is necessary to provide for the recreational enjoyment of players, coaches and spectators.