

MUNICIPAL SPORTS
PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary purpose of adult sports programs is to offer each resident of our city the opportunity to pursue, through competitive sports, the physical and emotional benefits such activity offers.

All too often the emphasis in such participation has been placed on winning at any cost.

It should be remembered that in every competitive sports activity there are winners and losers. The purpose of this Code of Conduct, applicable to every participant, is to engender and motivate a return to good sportsmanship, proper conduct on and off the court, and full compliance with the rules and policies of the Los Angeles Municipal Sports section. Every individual and team participating has adequate recourse through established procedures in the filing of complaints or protest.

Effective immediately, the Code of Conduct, as defined below, is in force. Team managers will carefully review the rules and requirements herewith set forth and to make them known to their players. They are solely responsible for actions of their teams and players on and off the court. Improper behavior on the part of any participant can directly affect the future participation by the entire team. No alcoholic beverages and/or smoking are allowed in or on recreation centers or school grounds by players, managers and/or spectators. Penalty: immediate suspension and loss of league fees.

The Participant's Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, and managers. This code applies to players as individuals or as a team, and the penalties can be applied to any individual or an entire team. This code becomes effective as soon as the participants arrive at the facility of play and remains in effect until the participants leave the facility.

- A. No Participant shall:
 - 1. At any time lay hand upon, push, shove, strike or threaten to strike an official.
 - 2. Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator.
 - 3. Endanger the safety of any player, official or spectator.

- B. No Participant shall:
 - 1. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
 - 2. Be guilty of heaping personal, verbal abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
 - 3. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against an opposing player.

- C. No Participant shall:
 - 1. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision by throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
 - 2. Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official.

- D. No Participant shall:
 - 1. Smoke while going or coming off the facility, or while on the court of play.
 - 2. Be guilty of discussing publicly with spectators in a derogatory manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of other players during the game (NO trash talk).
 - 3. Appear on/at the facility at any time in an intoxicated condition, or consume any alcoholic beverage while on a recreation facility.

- E. All players must sign Official Roster and League Waiver and Release prior to participation or be subject to game forfeiture or disqualification.

NOTE: We are mandating that monitors, timer-scorers and officials report any participant that is difficult or that refuses to abide by our league's motto of friendly competition - no profanity. We are committed to making our leagues the best they can be. Particular attention will be paid to player conduct and excessive contact.

I have discussed this Code of Conduct with my team and we understand and agree to abide by the above rules and policies.

TEAM NAME: _____ **MANAGER NAME:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____