

Playa Vista League Code of Conduct for Adult CoEd Softball Leagues

Coach Derek Inc. has adopted the following Code of Conduct. These rules will be strictly enforced. Participation in the Adult Sports League is a privilege and it should be treated as such. Please note that when referring to official this is to be applied to the following: Umpire, Field Coordinator or League Director

Disciplinary Policy

In our effort to provide a fun, safe and fair competition and quality league play. Our staff has adopted the following disciplinary policies. Each captain or co-captain should be familiar with the procedures as they will be accountable for informing their team of the rules as well as code of conduct. Any questions regarding league rules should be addressed prior to the start of the season. Disciplinary problems that occur before during or after league play involving any captain, coach, co-captain or player will be addressed immediately and handled in the following manner:

Coach Derek Inc. is using the Sports Complex of Playa Vista. The Coach Derek Inc. code of conduct is to be used in conjunction to any actions outlined in the Playa Vista rules, code of conduct and By Laws.

- A. Game officials have the complete authority over the game and the players.
- B. Captains or Co-Captains (actual or acting) of any ejected player will be notified by the plate umpire the ejected person has two minutes to leave the playing area. The player must leave the Sports Complex and areas immediately surrounding the playing area.
- C. Some offenses will carry with them both individual as well as team punishments.
- D. The following penalties will be in effect:

Offense Category #1 Ejection and up to Two Week Suspension**

- Profanity.**
- Inappropriate Gestures.**
- Excessive Arguing or Poor Sportsmanship.**
- Any flagrant breach of the Field Conduct Rules.**
- Violation of Alcohol Policies (i.e., alcohol within the surrounding area).**
- Incomplete Roster/Illegal Participation.**
- In game use of an altered or illegal bat.**
- Any other behavior determined inappropriate by an official or Field Coordinator or League Director.**

Offense Category #2 Ejection and up to Four Week Suspension**

- Verbal or Physical Threats to an official or player.**
- Any 2nd Offense from Category #1.**
- Any other behavior determined inappropriate by an official or League Director.**

Offense Category #3 Ejection and up to One Year Expulsion from any League Produced by Coach Derek Inc.**

- Any 2nd Offense from Category #2.**
- Any 3rd Offense from Category #1.**
- Consuming Drugs.**
- Falsifying Roster Information.**
- Physically Touching a Player in an aggressive manner (Push, Poke, Bump, Hit ect.).**
- Swinging at, striking or fighting with another individual.**
- Any action that endangers the safety of any player, captain, official or bystander.**

Offense Category #4- Ejection, call to the Authorities and up to a Lifetime Ban from any program produced by Coach Derek Inc.**

- Physically Touching and Official in an aggressive manner (Any physical threat of an kind).**
- Use of an illegal bat: resulting in an injury to a player, captain, official or bystander.**
- Hitting the Ball over the Net an striking any individual.**

Note: any player should be aware that in any circumstance deemed necessary, Coach Derek Inc. staff will contact the Los Angeles Police. This may result in prosecution, fines and other legal ramifications including arrest and incarceration.

** All suspensions or expulsions are applicable to the entire league. A player that has been suspended or expelled from any given game may not participate in other league, tournaments or sanctioned activities until the disciplinary period ends. This means that if your are serving a One Week Suspension and there is a make-up game on Saturday you will miss the following...*The game you were ejected from the make-up game played on the following Saturday and the next Sunday game.*

- E. All offenses require written acknowledgement to be signed by either the game Official, the Field Coordinator as well as a player. League Director will make final decision regarding punishment within 2 business days of the incident.
- F. If a player chooses to appeal the League Director's decision, the following is required:
 - \$50.00 (Refundable if the decision is in favor of the player).
 - Players written account of the incident.
 - Two written eyewitness accounts of the incident-one from a teammate and one from an opponent
 - The fee and reports must be filed with the League Director within 2 business days of the final decision
- G. The player will be suspended from **ALL PLAY** during the appeal process
- H. A final decision will be reached by the League Director with due process.

Special Notes-Appeals Policy

- A. Any player being placed on probation and reported again for violation of the Player Code of Conduct will be suspended for a period of time determined by the Coach Derek Inc. Staff and League Director.
- B. Any player removed from a game leave the playing area immediately. Failure to do so will cause the game to be forfeited and carry a minimal penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS TO ANY PARTICIPANT THAT IS EJECTED, SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM ANY Coach Derek Inc. ACTIVITY.

- C. Any individual or team that is suspended will have the right to appeal. The individual/team must follow the guidelines set forth in **Part E of the Player Code of Conduct**. There upon an appointment will be setup with the League Director and Field Coordinator or designee for review. Players/teams notified of reprimand will remain suspended from participation in all leagues ran by Coach Derek Inc. until the appeal is finalized. If the suspension is for a duration of one week or less (suspension of greater than one week due to a team having a bye or holiday are considered a one week suspension) individuals are allowed to request an appeal process only. This request is to be communication via written email correspondence only. A representative of the appeal committee will review the written request and determine if an appeal meeting is warranted. If the committee representative feels that an appeal meeting is warranted, the suspension will be delayed until an appeal decision is heard. It is the player/team's responsibility to appeal in a timely manner (2 business days). Requests for an appeal will be reviewed if submitted to the League Director within two (2) business days after the incident. Individuals/teams waiting longer than two (2) business days before appealing will be denied an appeal request, due to time constraints. Any individual who violates the suspension prior to written confirmation and who claim ignorance of the rules may receive harsher punishments of up to and including permanent suspension. All players are responsible to be aware and abide by all policies. Appeals should include a primary contact phone number and email address. Appeal meeting will be scheduled during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.