

## ***LAKE FOREST RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS CODE OF CONDUCT***

### **PHILOSOPHY OF ADULT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

The Lake Forest Recreation Department provides equal opportunity for all residents to participate in programs. No participant shall, based on race, sex, national origin, or disability, be denied access to programs, services, or activities.

### **CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

Participation in athletic events is a privilege that may be denied or suspended for just cause. By the act of participating, all sponsors, teams, players, managers, captains, coaches, and officials acknowledge that they are acquainted with and will abide by Recreation Department policies, league rules, and facility regulations as a condition of this privilege. The following Code of Conduct will apply to all Adult Athletic Programs and further expectations may be outlined in a particular athletic program's league by-laws.

The following shall be just cause for immediate ejection from games or forfeiture by game officials or Program Supervisor and may be cause for additional suspensions and penalties as here-in-after specified:

#### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:**

1. Use of non-rostered, ineligible, or suspended players
2. Smoking on the playing facility
3. Possession of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages on playing facility or adjacent area.  
PLEASE NOTE: Upon initial sight of alcohol, the game official will request the alcohol be put away. If any member of the same team is found to be in possession of alcohol during the same game, the game will be forfeited.
4. Player under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct which includes but not limited to: disrespect, vulgarity, profanity, disorderly conduct, or flagrantly abusing any facility, grounds, or equipment (i.e. throwing a baseball bat).

Conduct rules are binding before, during, or after a contest, or while observing as a spectator. The Lake Forest Recreation Department has the right to administer disciplinary actions in its discretion to insure a quality recreational experience for all participants and to protect all players, spectators, officials, and facilities. The following rules will be observed:

#### **CONSEQUENCES OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR MAY RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Participants, coaches, or spectators who have physical contact with an official other than the normal course of play shall be suspended from participation in all leagues or activities conducted by the Lake Forest Recreation Department for no less than one year. The team will be put on probation with possible suspension resulting. In the event that a more serious battery takes place towards an official or supervisor, or if repeated physical confrontation takes place involving the same offender, suspension may be extended after referral and review by the Executive Director and may; be appealed to the Recreation Board of the Lake Forest Recreation Department.
2. Failure of participants who have been ejected to leave the playing facility or adjacent area shall result in a forfeit for that team.
3. Participants who have been ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct may be suspended for not less than one additional game. A participant may be given additional suspensions depending on the severity of the offense and may include suspension from any further league play. **Tournament Amendment:** if a player is ejected from a game, that player is then, also ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
4. Personal harassment towards officials may be cause for either the team or individual to be suspended from league play and/or tournaments. A player does not have to be in the game for this rule to be in effect. He/she could be a spectator. The **THREATENING** of an official will have an automatic removal for the season, both league and tournament play.
5. Captains/Managers are responsible for the use of ineligible players and may be suspended along with the ineligible player.
6. The team is responsible for each individual participant's action, and their spectators as well. A team may be given game suspensions from participating in league play if more than one player is ejected from the same game. If evidence indicates that the team manager and team members did not attempt to prevent the infraction of the rules, the Recreation Department shall reserve the right to invoke equal penalty on all members of the team.

### **SPECTATORS**

Spectators play an important role in adult athletic programs. Good sportsmanship and support by the spectators is expected. Spectators must follow the same Code of Behavior guidelines as participants. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in possible expulsion from the program area. Participants are expected to show the same courtesy, respect, and good sportsmanship towards the spectators and any behavior which may infringe on these expectations will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

**THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ALL FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING LEAGUE POLICIES.**