



Player Code of Conduct - Effective April 1, 2024

Policy - The PPRSSA enacts this player Code of Conduct which directly reflects the City of Colorado Springs Player Code of Conduct.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- No PPRSSA member shall lay a hand upon, shove, strike or verbally threaten or abuse an umpire, player, spectator or staff person. Anyone who strikes at another will be banned from further participation in all PPRSSA programs for at least one year.
- No PPRSSA member shall refuse to abide by an umpire's or league official's decision.
- No PPRSSA member shall make obscene gestures or objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an umpire's or league official's decision.
- No PPRSSA member shall be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics against an opponent.
- No PPRSSA member shall appear in the contest area acting in a way that he/she appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- No PPRSSA member shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages while the player is participating in the game.
- No PPRSSA member shall smoke tobacco on the playing surface, in the play area or inside any PR&CS sports site.
- Only the designated team representative may discuss, in a polite manner, calls or rulings with the umpire or league official. Only clarifications will be discussed. Complaints concerning judgment calls will result in an ejection.
- No player will intentionally attempt to defy the rules or procedures outlined in the rules.
- No PPRSSA member shall throw a bat in an unsafe or objectionable manner.
- No PPRSSA member shall warm-up by hitting a ball against a backstop or side fence.
- Spectators, who in the opinion of the PPRSSA staff or a PR&CS staff person are detrimental to the goals of the program, may be expelled from the contest area. The team to which the spectator is associated will be penalized if there are any further difficulties. Grounds for such action include, but are not limited to, obscene language or gestures, inciting players to fight, alcoholic beverages in the stands and verbal abuse against the umpire(s) or league officials.

The penalty for violations of Player Code of Conduct:

- Ejections have a 2 game suspension, not to include the game from which the ejection occurred.
 - Any player ejected more than once may be subject to further punishment, this will be decided by the league officials or PR&CS staff.
- There is no formal appeal process for any suspensions, however you may set up a time to speak with league officials to discuss.
- Players involved in an altercation will be banned for a period of 1 year from ALL PPRSSA programs.
 - Teams with players involved in an altercation will be placed on probation to be determined by the league officials.
 - Teams will also forfeit their opportunity for any awards during the probationary period

ALCOHOL POLICY

- Per the Colorado Springs City Code, 18-5-411: It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into, possess or drink in any park, alcoholic liquor or beer.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages into the site. The sole exception to this ordinance is spectators who purchase alcohol at an approved concession stand.
- No PPRSSA member shall appear at the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Any player believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be suspended from play for the remainder of the day and referred to the PPRSSA Board for further action.

The penalty for players found to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol may include:

1. At a minimum, the player will immediately be suspended from further play by a league official or site supervisor.
2. At a maximum, the league official will suspend the player and/or the team from further league play.

FURTHER PENALTIES

The penalty for violation of this Policy may be disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the PPRSSA.