

Carson City Recreation Division  
**ADULT SPORTS BEHAVIOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Carson City Recreation Division is committed to providing safe and enjoyable programs. Therefore, participants in the adult sports program are held to a standard of behavior. City Staff will administer and enforce these standards. A “no tolerance” policy is instituted for unsportsmanlike behavior and violence. This document is a basic guideline and the Sports Program Manager has the authority and discretion to change or modify the offenses and penalties as needed. Team managers/coaches are responsible for actions of participants at all times during Carson City Recreation Division programs. The term “participant” includes players, coaches, managers and spectators. Offenses and suspensions will be reviewed and determined by Program Manager and notice of penalties will be handled in a timely manner.

OFFENSE	MINIMUM PENALTY	MAXIMUM PENALTY	ACTION TO RECTIFY	PROBATION
Fighting or physical abuse (or intent to cause bodily harm, including spitting) of another player, spectator, coach/manager or City employee	Suspension for up to 1 year.	Up to Lifetime suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Leaving bench/dugout during an altercation	Player ejection, entire team, manager/coach and/or player 1 game suspension.	Up to Lifetime suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Damaging City Property	Up to 8 game suspension and financial restitution.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension and all financial restitution paid in full.	1 year to lifetime, dependent on suspension.
Verbal abuse ,making threats toward or trash talking to another player, spectator, manager/coach or City employee	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Up to 2 year suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues and possible criminal charges.	Serve suspension.	1 year
Refusal to obey official's decision	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored Adult sports leagues	Serve suspension.	1 year
Throwing equipment	Ejection from game plus 1 game suspension.	Remainder of adult sports league season.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	Remainder of league to 1 year.
Illegal use of alcohol or substance	Forfeiture of game, 8 game suspension for player and/or coach. Possible law enforcement involvement.	Up to 1 year suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and law enforcement contacted.	Serve suspension.	Remainder of league to 1 year.
Illegal Players	Forfeiture of game.	Remainder of adult sports league season and lifetime loss of coach/manager privileges.	Serve suspension. Provide Program Manager with written explanation of actions, ensuring future compliance with City rules.	1 year
Illegal Equipment Use (bats, metal cleats, etc.)	Forfeiture of game.	Up to lifetime suspension from City sponsored adult sports leagues and notification to sanctioned organizations.	Serve suspension.	1 year

Should you be suspended from a Carson City Recreation League, you may not coach/assistant coach/manage for any other league, including youth sport leagues, nor be a spectator for the league in which you were suspended from. All suspensions will be calculated on a cumulative basis to increase per suspension. Appeals may only be requested if a suspension is 1 year or more. Written notice of an appeal must be received within 2 weeks of issuance of the suspension to the Recreation Operations Manager and include date, time, incident, and reason for appeal. If notice of appeal is not received within the timeframe, suspension will remain.