



**SCP SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
CODE OF ETHICS
CONDUCT / SPORTSMANSHIP STANDARDS**

Objective: To ensure that while striving for the best in competition, the Membership (players, managers, umpires, and other support people) adhere to good sportsman intentions and behavior.

Expectations:

1. Players, managers & umpires will play the game fairly, and will treat each other with respect.
2. Cheating or manipulation of rules of any sort will not be tolerated.
3. Players will compete with full effort and will do all they can to ensure the safety of their teammates, as well as their opponents.
4. Players are expected to play hard, but remember this is a game, and that the games are played in front of spectators of all ages. Use of inappropriate language MUST be controlled. Also, verbal abuse of other players, managers, and umpires will not be tolerated of Members, whether on the field as players or off the field as spectators.

Actions: The SCP Softball Protest & Conduct Committee (PCC) is charged with investigating and understanding any complaints filed, as stated below, concerning bad sportsmanship observed. A Member of the Board will attend all games played, either as a player, umpire, or interested spectator.

Process:

1. Any player, manager, umpire, or spectator may file a complaint to the Board, league coordinator, the head umpire at a game, any team manager, or any Member of the PCC by supplying the details of the event in writing.
2. The PCC will assess the event as quickly as possible (knowing that time is of the essence in dealing with these types of matters) and render a written recommendation to the Board as to what action is appropriate.

Behavior and Discipline: Proper behavior and decorum are expected from all Members and non-member fans. Those who are abusive, project an undesirable or inappropriate image, use profanity, direct outbursts of anger toward players, umpires or spectators, throw and/or misuse equipment, engage in rough play that could unnecessarily injure an opponent, initiate a one-on-one confrontation of a threatening nature, either before, during, or after a game or who unnecessarily and blatantly create turmoil, disruption, and dissension among club Members or other clubs or the Association in general may have their membership temporarily suspended or terminated by the club. Non-members will be asked to either cease their inappropriate behavior or to leave Veterans Field.

The following are recommended steps for club Member disciplinary action depending on the severity of the infraction:

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| A. | First Offense: | minimum written warning from club, suspension |
| B. | Second offense: | short term suspension by the club (minimum one season) |
| C. | Third offense: | longer term suspension by the club (two seasons or more) |
| D. | Fourth offense: | permanent termination from the Club |

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Name (printed): _____

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