



Code of Conduct

DEFINITIONS

COACH/MANAGER: A person designated as team spokesperson. One who is either a player or a non-player. Hereafter, Coach or Manager will be referred to as only 'Coach'.

CONTEST AREA: That area which is designated by the host team or the tournament director.

CSWSA ACTIVITY: Any event designated by or scheduled through CSWSA.

CSWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The members of the CSWSA organization who have been appointed to serve and function as the "Board" as specified in the CSWSA By-laws (currently being worked up). Hereafter, CSWSA Board of Directors will be referred to as only 'Board.' This Board will not be established until such time as CSWSA is a functioning agency; we are only in the starting stages as of the writing of this document. The current Founder is Mary Harteker and as such will be the decision maker for the group or until a Board can be established.

EJECTION: Being removed from further participation in a CSWSA activity and prohibited from the contest area in a CSWSA activity by the official or the tournament director. The term ejection also includes all derivatives of the word like ejected, etc.

OFFICIAL: Person or persons on the field to administer the official rules.

ONE-MINUTE CLAUSE: One minute shall be allowed for an ejected player to remove himself from the designated contest area. If this time limit is not met, the contest shall be forfeited to the opponents of the ejected players team.

PARTICIPATION: Any involvement in the CSWSA activities such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, or attending non-sporting events.

PLAYER: A person who actively participates in the game, sits on the bench, or who is on the roster.

SUSPENSION: The period of time and/or number of games that a player who has been ejected from a CSWSA activity must refrain from participation in future CSWSA activities. The term suspension also includes all derivatives of the word like suspended, suspending, etc.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: The person designated by the host agency, CSWSA, who is directly responsible for the activity.

CONDUCT

CSWSA expects a level of conduct by players and coaches commensurate to provide for the recreational enjoyment of players, coaches, and spectators. To achieve that goal, the following provisions and prohibitions include, but are not limited to;

1. The Coach shall be the only team representative who may discuss a decision with the officials. If the Coach is absent, or by designation by the Coach, another player specified during the pre- game meeting may serve as the Coach.
2. NO PLAYER OR COACH SHALL:
 - At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player, and tournament director or spectator.
 - Refuse to comply with a decision by an official, tournament director, or the Board.
 - Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of another player.
 - Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.
 - Appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs in such a manner as to not have control of his faculties to the extent that he is inclined to hurt himself or another player.
 - Consume alcoholic beverages while participating in a CSWSA game.
 - Make objectionable demonstrations or use obscene gestures.

The minimum penalty for conduct described above is ejection and suspension as described below under the enforcement heading. A more severe suspension for detrimental conduct as described above may be determined and enforced on a case-by-case basis by the Board.

ENFORCEMENT

Any player ejected from a CSWSA game shall be prohibited from further participation in that game and shall leave the contest area within the required time frame as described under the definition of the "one-minute clause". Furthermore, the player is suspended from any participation of his team's next scheduled CSWSA game, regardless of whether the game is 45+ league, 70's league or tournament.

If a player is ejected from a CSWSA game, both managers shall notify the Division's standing secretary, and the CSWSA Commissioner, who will in turn notify the offending team's next opponent of the player's ejection and one game suspension, if the player has not already completed the one game suspension penalty.

Second ejections during a CSWSA season may result in a suspension of all further participation in league games and the CSWSA league tournament.

Any ejection from a CSWSA game or from a tournament game may result in the player's case being heard by the tournament director and/or the Board, whose decision will be binding. A more severe suspension for detrimental conduct as described above may be determined and enforced on a case-by-case basis by the Board.

If a player feels there are mitigating circumstances or the suspension is too severe, he may appeal to the Board. Appeals must be submitted in writing within the next two calendar days from when the ejection occurred. Longer suspensions by the Board will be made within one week of the ejection and become effective at that time and the player will be notified by phone call and a follow-up written notification. Any appeal of the longer suspension must also be

written and should explain the circumstances of the ejection and any mitigating circumstances or undue hardship associated with the suspension. For all appeals, the Board will render a decision as promptly as possible to allow the player to return to active league participation if the suspension should be removed or reduced. However, the Board is not obligated to render a decision before the next scheduled games if there are 48 hours or less before the games are to be played.