

## Northampton Parks & Recreation Policy Statement - Player Conduct

The Northampton Parks & Recreation Department expects that the players in any league shall conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any player or coach who harasses or abuses a game official or another player shall be subject to the hereby stated penalties:

1. **Verbal Abuse**

1. Any player who verbally abuses a game official during a game will be immediately ejected from the game and will be suspended from the team's next game. If the situation should arise in the final game of the season, the suspension will be enforced at the start of the next season of play.
2. Any player or coach who is ejected for verbal abuse of a game official for a second time during the season will be suspended for the remainder of the season or eight games, whichever is longer. The suspension will be enforced at the start of the succeeding season as needed.

2. **Physical Abuse**

1. If a player is ejected from a game for fighting with or physically abusing another player, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season or eight games, whichever is longer. The suspension will be enforced at the start of the succeeding season as needed.
  2. Should a player commit this offense a second time, he/she will be suspended from participating in any adult league or tournament run and/or sponsored by Northampton Parks & Recreation for a period of one year from the date of the offense.
  3. Any player or coach who physically abuses a game official before, during, or after a game will be immediately ejected from the game and must leave the area. He/she will be suspended from participation in any adult league or tournament run or sponsored by Northampton Parks & Recreation for a period of one year from the date of the offense.
  4. Should a player or coach commit this offense a second time, he/she will be permanently suspended from participation in any adult league or tournament run or sponsored by Northampton Parks & Recreation.
3. Any form of abuse that occurs before or after a game must be reported to the Parks & Recreation Department the next working day. The League Director and/or Director of Parks & Recreation has the right to determine if suspension is warranted and the length of this suspension.
4. The Director of Parks & Recreation and/or his/her designee reserves the right to rule on any suspensions and to increase or decrease the penalty as deemed necessary.
5. In all cases where a player is ejected or suspended, he/she will be immediately banished from the vicinity of the playing area for the duration of the resulting suspension. For failure to comply, the official will forfeit the game.
6. Also, in all cases where a player is ejected or suspended from a game(s), a written report of the incident must be turned in to Northampton Parks & Recreation by the game official(s), scorekeeper(s), and any other league official who witnessed the incident.
7. An appeal of a suspension may be made by the Coach\Manager listed on the roster of the suspended player's team within 48 working hours of the incident. The appeal must be made in writing and submitted to the League Director. A decision of the appeal will be made within 48 hours of its receipt. All decisions are final.

I, (we) the undersigned coaches/managers, have read and fully understand the Player Conduct policies as described. We also realize that as team managers, it is our responsibility to ensure that the players on our team are fully aware of and understand these policies.

**Team Name**

**Manager (print & sign name)**

**Date**

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