

Player Code of Conduct

WHEN THE GAME IS OVER THE UMPIRE/OFFICIAL STILL HAS JURISDICTION OVER THAT GAME. THIS JURISDICTION EXTENDS TO BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER GAMES AND COVERS ALL PLAYERS/FANS

1. No Player May: Refuse to abide by an official's decision, threaten an official, or at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or strike an official. (The following applies to all sections): **"Player" means any participant, i.e., player, team member, coach, manager, scorekeeper, or fan. "Official" means any umpire/scorekeeper or Covington Parks and Rec. staff.** Penalty: Officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the Department. There is an automatic **MINIMUM** 3 game suspension for any ejected player. For any flagrant act that results in contact with an official, the suspension will remain in effect until final disposition by the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee.

2. No Player May: Demonstrate objection to an official's decision by throwing any object, and no object shall be thrown in any manner, for any reason, that an official judges to be dangerous. Penalty: Officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the department. There is an automatic **MINIMUM** 3 game suspension for any ejected player for any flagrant act that results from an object being thrown at an official, the suspension will remain in effect until final disposition by the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee.

3. No Player May: Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player. Penalty: Officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the Department. There is an automatic 1 game suspension for any ejected player that commits any flagrant act.

4. No Player May: Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator. Any use of profanity, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, will not be tolerated. Penalty: Officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the Department. There is an automatic 2 game suspension for any player ejected for the use of profane, vulgar or obscene language.

5. No Player May: Be responsible for the presence of intoxicating substances in the team area, or use any intoxicating substances within city park property or appear to be in an intoxicated condition. When non-participants are known to have intoxicating substances, players shall remain on the field or in their team area. Penalty: Officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the Department. There is an automatic 2 game suspension for any player ejected for the presence of intoxicating substances in a team area during any sporting event.

6. No Player May: Smoke in a non designated smoking area. Penalty: Officials are required to warn players guilty of infractions of this rule, and failure of such players to comply will result in their immediate ejection from the game. There is an automatic 1 game suspension for any player ejected for continuing to smoke in a non- designated smoking area during any sporting event after they have been warned by an official.

7. No Player May: Permit anyone to remain in the team area during the game who is not a roster member of the team. Managers, scorekeepers, batboys and batgirls are allowed in the area. Penalty: Officials will notify a team's manager if this rule is not complied with. Thereafter, failure to cooperate with officials in enforcing this rule shall result in forfeiture of the game. The Department has the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on all violations of Player's Code of Conduct. For any violation not explicitly stated

in the code, the penalty will be at the discretion of the Department. Game Officials (Umpires/Scorekeepers) have general authority to handle unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with the City of Covington Sports Procedures Policy Manual. The Game Official in Charge may either suspend or declare forfeit any game where in his or her judgment there has been a violation of the code, making it unsafe to continue the contest.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY I understand in consideration of the privilege of allowing me to participate in any City of Covington Parks and Recreation Department Activity, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree to **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the City, its employees, agents, successors, assigns, sponsors and volunteers assisting in City activities, from any and all damages, claims or liability of any kind, whatsoever, by reason of injury to property or third persons occasioned by any error, omission or negligent act by me. I further do hereby expressly **RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS** the City of Covington, its employees, agents, successors, assigns, sponsors, volunteers assisting in City activities, from any and all damages, claims or liability of any kind, whatsoever, from any injury to me or my death or damage to my property, arising or resulting from my participation in City activities or transportation to and from City activities, or my presence upon City facilities, **INCLUDING CLAIMS AND DAMAGES ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE CITY, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS**. I understand that this “Waiver and Release of Liability” is effective for the adult sports programs/leagues for the current year. I recognize that all classes or activities of a physical nature involve some risk and by registering for a class/activity of the City, there is an assumption of risk by me.

Printed Name: _____ **Sport:** _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Failure to sign the code of conduct does not exempt or release a “player” from disqualification and or suspension for violating the rules set forth in the City of Covington Sports Operating Procedures Policy.