

Holmdel Softball Club
MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES AND PLAYER CONDUCT
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(Taken liberally from the City of Reno)

The "Player Code of Conduct" which follows shall govern the Holmdel Softball Club. **All participants are governed by the below rules, which cover all conduct before, during and after the game.**

Note: "player" refers to any participant of a Holmdel Softball Club softball game. This includes players, managers, scorekeepers, helpers, etc. On the field enforcement and reporting is the responsibility of the officials. Officials have complete authority on the field and are only guided by the actions noted here. Once an incident is reported by an official, the Holmdel Softball Club Executive Council will decide if any further action is necessary. The "Minimum Penalty" and "Maximum Penalty" listed below are guidelines that the Executive Council will use.

1. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**

At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an official. Officials may (at their discretion) immediately suspend the said player from further play and require the player to leave the field and field owner property before the game is resumed.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation for remainder of season

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Life suspension.

2. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**

Refuse to abide by an officials decision. **ONLY MANAGERS are to argue any questioned call!** Any player involved in the play must step aside and let their manager handle the situation. Officials may (at their discretion) warn the player and/or report the incident.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning

MAXIMUM PENALTY: 1 game / 1 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.

3. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**

Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent at an officials decision. Only the manager shall be allowed to have any verbal contact with the official. Officials may (at their discretion) warn the player and/or report the incident.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning

MAXIMUM PENALTY: 1 game / 1 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.

4. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**

Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in play of the game against the body or person of an opposing player. All base runners must avoid a collision. Players not attempting to avoid a collision will be warned and if there are repeated offenses, the player may (at the official's discretion).be ejected from the game.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning

MAXIMUM PENALTY: 2 game / 2 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.

5. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**

Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator. Officials may (at their discretion) immediately suspend the said player from further play and require player to leave the field and field owner property before the game is resumed.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation for remainder of season

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Life suspension and/or assault charges filed.

6. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**
Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon player, official or spectator. Officials may (at their discretion) immediately suspend the said player from further play and require player to leave the field and field owner property before the game is resumed.
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning
MAXIMUM PENALTY: 1 game / 1 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.
7. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**
Be guilty using vulgarities directed at any player, official, spectator or no one or said in frustration. . Officials may (at their discretion) immediately suspend the said player from further play and require player to leave the field and field owner property before the game is resumed.
MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation for remainder of season
MAXIMUM PENALTY: 1 game / 1 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.
8. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**
Throw the bat intentionally, maliciously, or out of frustration. Officials may (at their discretion) warn the player and/or report the incident.
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning
MAXIMUM PENALTY: 1 game / 1 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.
9. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**
Be or appear to be intoxicated on the field of play. Officials are required to immediately suspend the said player from further play and require player to leave the playing field. However, it is recommended that the player wait for a ride home (preferably in the parking lot) and NOT drive.
MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation for remainder of season
MAXIMUM PENALTY: 2 game / 2 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.
10. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**
Be responsible for the presence of intoxicating substances, or use any intoxicating substances on the field owner property. Officials may (at their discretion) immediately suspend the said player from further play and require player to leave the field and field owner property before the game is resumed. The intoxicating substance **MUST** be removed for the field owner property before play can continue.
MINIMUM PENALTY: Probation for remainder of season
MAXIMUM PENALTY: 3 game/3 week suspension (whichever is greater) and probation for remainder of season.
11. Participants may be held liable for damages caused by negligence.
12. Team managers are responsible for their players and spectators. Failure to attempt to control team members or fans may result in forfeiture of the game and possible suspension from the league.
13. Any player ejected from a game must leave the field and field owner property immediately. Failure to do so in a timely manner will result in the forfeiture of the game and an automatic suspension for 2 games / 2 weeks (whichever is greater) for the player. The only exception to this rule is if the player is intoxicated. In this case the player must leave the playing field but may wait for a ride in the parking lot.
14. Any player suspended from a game by an official (ejected) will have their case reviewed by the Holmdel Softball Club Executive Council within 3 business days of the incident. Prior to the Executive Council review, the player will be suspended from all Holmdel Softball Club games.

15. With any player suspension from a game by an official (ejection), the player will minimally be suspended from **ALL** Holmdel Softball Club games for 1 weeks time or until 1 game of the team for which they were playing at the time of the ejection has passed - whichever is **GREATER**. The player will also be on probation for the remainder of the year.
16. Any player on probation and reported again for any violation of the "Holmdel Softball Club MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES AND PLAYER CONDUCT" will be given a minimum penalty of 3 game / 3 week suspension (whichever is greater).
17. Any player that has been suspended is not eligible to play and is considered an illegal player. A player that is on suspension may not play in any Holmdel Softball Club game on **any** team. Any manager who uses a suspended player may also be suspended from the club.
18. Suspended players are suspended from all Holmdel Softball Club leagues. During suspension players not allowed in on a field where a Holmdel Softball Club game is being played, even as a spectator.
19. Conduct Rules will be interpreted and enforced by the Holmdel Softball Club Executive Council and all decisions will be final. Any decision concerning an exception or situation not covered by the rules below will be the responsibility of the Holmdel Softball Club Executive Council.
20. The Holmdel Softball Club has the right to modify any "player code of conduct", rule and/or penalty when deemed appropriate.