

# GCSS Code of Conduct for Players and Managers

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Article 1: The first line of enforcement will be the umpires with the managers and their assistants second. Any and all offenders are to be reprimanded immediately. Any manager or umpire NOT enforcing the Code of Conduct may be replaced by the Advisory Council.

Article 2: Players may NOT ARGUE with umpires. Only the team's manager/asst. may confer with the umps.

Article 3: Verbal abuse, such as taunting the opposing team or umpires, is forbidden. The umpire will warn the offender(s). If a player(s) do not stop immediately, he (they) will be ejected from the game. Friendly, good-natured needling of opponents is okay.

Article 4: ALL PHYSICAL CONTACT with opponents, fans, or players is forbidden. Any player/coach touching any other person in a hostile manner will be ejected from the game and suspended for at least the next game. The suspension may be extended to include more games if the Advisory Council determines that the case merits that.

Article 5: AGGRESSIVE PHYSICAL CONTACT such as punching, slapping, kneeling, kicking, head-butting, spitting, or throwing objects at others will draw an immediate ejection followed by at least a five-game suspension. A second infraction, even if not in the same season, will result in a season-ending suspension. A third infraction will result in a LIFETIME BAN from the GCSS league and all of its activities.

Article 6: Any players responding to physical contact by touching another person in a hostile manner will also be ejected & face the same penalties listed in Articles 4 & 5 above.

Article 7: Managers, assistants, and players MAY NOT yell at, scream, swear at, or verbally abuse their TEAMMATES.

Article 8: Hardcore swearing (especially the F-bomb) will draw a personal warning from the umpire. If the offender DOES NOT immediately stop, the umpire may eject the player from the game. The umpire will have very broad discretion to handle the situation depending upon game circumstances such as the presence of women and children, hardcore swearing vs plain old cussing, etc.

Article 9: Players violating the rules or spirit of the code should apologize to the offended parties.

Article 10: All players and managers will shake hands at the end of each game.

Article 11: Whining and complaining are definitely frowned upon.

\*Article 12: Suspensions will be issued by the Commissioner after collecting information from all parties involved. Suspension Appeals must be given to a Board member in writing within 72 hours. Appeals will be decided upon by the Governing Board. The Board's decision will be final.

ANY situation not covered by the rules of the code will be referred to the Governing Board. All rule infractions will be reported to the Commissioner as soon as possible. The Governing Board will hear all disputes from all parties concerned with any incident. The Board will act in a fiduciary capacity and NOT let personal feelings impact its judgment. All Board rulings will be final.

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\*Article 13: Players who have to be restrained from attacking other players may be subject to suspension.