



## Metro Detroit Gay and Lesbian Softball League

### Member Code of Conduct

#### **Code of Conduct:**

All participants understand that they should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the integrity and reputation of MDSL at all league sponsored meetings, events, and tournaments.

As members of MDSL, all teams are expected to behave with maturity and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

- No member or fan may refuse to abide by an official's decision, threaten an official, teammate, spectator or opposing player, or at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or strike an official, teammate, spectator or opposing player. Team managers must have full control of their players both on and off the fields.
- No member may demonstrate objection to an official's decision by throwing any object, in any manner, for any reason, that an official judges to be dangerous.
- No member may be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player.
- No member may direct an abusive verbal attack upon any official, teammate, spectator or opposing player. Any use of profanity, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, will not be tolerated.
- No member may use any intoxicating substances during the course of the game, or appear to be in an intoxicated condition.
- No member may smoke while in the dugout, coming off or going onto the field of play, or while on the field of play. (This is per Rochester Hills Park and Rec. rules)

#### **Penalties:**

- For any of the above listed infractions, officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the MDSL Executive Board. Spectators can also be ejected from Park(s) for violation of any of these above listed rules.
- There is an automatic (1) one game suspension for any ejected player. For any flagrant act, the suspension will remain in effect until final disposition by the MDSL Executive Board.



- The MDSL Executive Board has the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on all violations of the Member Code of Conduct Policy. For any violation not explicitly stated in this code, the penalty will be at the discretion of the MDSL Executive Board.
- Game officials (umpires) have general authority to handle unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with USSSA rules. They have the authority to eject and have removed from Park(s), any player, non-players, and spectators who step foot on Park(s) property.
- The game officials (umpires) in charge may either suspend or declare a forfeit of any game where, in his or her judgment, there has been a violation of the code of conduct policy, making it unsafe to continue the contest.

### **Rochester Hills Municipal Code:**

- Disorderly Conduct:
  - No person shall, in any park, square, grounds, or recreation Facility:
  - Use profane, indecent or insulting language.
- Do any act tending to a breach of the public peace.
- Intoxicated Persons:
  - No person who is intoxicated, noisy, disorderly, boisterous, or publicly offensive shall be admitted into or permitted to remain within any park, square, grounds, or recreation facility. The person in charge shall refuse admittance to any such person and shall eject any such person there from.
  - The use of intoxicating substances is prohibited. Any player found using or consuming any intoxicant before or during the game will be suspended and/or game forfeited.
  - Players release the City of Rochester Hills, and/or the Recreation and Park Department, and/or Director in charge, from all liabilities, claims, demands, debts, and judgments.

**MDSL reserves the right to amend this Member Code of Conduct at any time.**