

SPORTSMANSHIP, EJECTIONS & SUSPENSIONS

It is the belief of Georgia USSSA Baseball that the overall development of all players can be greatly enhanced by the experience and fun of league and tournament play on the local, state and national levels. The participation in and competition of league and tournament play enriches the overall development of all children regardless of skill level and not just on the baseball field...but in life. Terms such as **Character, Respect, Sportsmanship, Success, and Teamwork** are all used to describe the attributes of a solid athlete but more importantly, these are the same attributes of a noble person. Georgia USSSA Baseball requires its participants to strive towards obtaining these traits but in order to facilitate such; a strict observance of all Official Rules, regardless of the assumed significance or insignificance is paramount! It is the job of all Georgia USSSA Baseball Directors, Officials, Managers, Coaches, Sponsors, Spectators and Players to respect the rules and integrity of the game and to call to the attention of the Georgia USSSA Baseball State Office any observance of breach in the games integrity by anyone associated with the game.

The matters of sportsmanship and unsportsmanlike conduct shall be taken extremely serious. The teams you compete against will exhibit an elevated and sometimes fierce level of competition. Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators should exhibit good sportsmanship to ensure a positive impact in the development of the participants. Thus, it is paramount that managers, at all times, have absolute complete control of their coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators both on and off the field as well as in the grandstands.

Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators who exhibit abusive, vulgar, unbecoming or unsportsmanlike conduct, exercise the use of profanity regardless to whom it is directed, or throw equipment, shall be immediately ejected. Warnings shall not be issued for managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators whom exhibit abusive, vulgar, unbecoming or unsportsmanlike conduct, exercise the use of profanity regardless to whom it is directed, or throw equipment.

Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors or spectators who leave their position in the field, on base, on the bench or in the dugout, dugout area or grandstands to participate in an altercation, fight or brawl shall be immediately ejected and local law enforcement shall be notified. Warnings shall not be issued for managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors or spectators who leave their position in the field, on base, on the bench or in the dugout, dugout area or grandstands to participate in an altercation, fight or brawl. Violation of these rules may, if warranted, require a team to forfeit a game or games and / or be removed from the league / tournament. Furthermore, local law enforcement shall be immediately notified of any altercation, fight or brawl.

Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors and spectators ejected from a game for any reason shall immediately remove themselves and all personal belongings from the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands to the parking area outside the venue and shall remain outside the venue for the remainder of the game ejected from plus one additional game. Under no circumstances shall ejected managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors or spectators return to the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands upon game completion. Ejected managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors

and spectators returning to the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands upon game completion shall be treated as trespassers and local law enforcement shall be notified. Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors, and spectators ejected from a league / tournament ending game (i.e.; elimination game, championship game), shall be required to forego their attendance at the team's first game in their next sanctioned event.

Players ejected from a game shall immediately remove themselves and all personal belongings from the dugout and dugout area and shall be confined to the grandstands. An ejected player may remain in the grandstands as long as doing so is not a disturbance or disruption to the game. If warranted, an ejected player shall be removed from the grandstands to the parking area outside the venue and shall remain outside the venue for the remainder of the game.

Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, players and other dugout personnel shall be confined to the dugout for the remainder of a game as an alternative to an ejection at the sole discretion of the Director / Umpire(s). Confinement to the Dugout is defined as remaining in the dugout until the conclusion of the game. This included between half innings, between innings, during time-outs, during pitching changes, etc. Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, players and other dugout personnel shall not leave the dugout until the game concludes or upon direction by a Director / Umpire(s).

Certain actions of managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators call for immediate suspension. Such acts include but are not limited to, a physical attack or the threat of a physical attack on an umpire, game official, tournament official or association director and / or officer. Knowingly competing with or against illegal or disbarred / suspended managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, players, sponsors and spectators. Participating in or permitting a fraud to be perpetuated. Competing under an assumed or altered (miss-spelled) name, and / or date of birth. Purposely utilizing false information to damage, harm, hurt, impair or mar Georgia USSSA Baseball.

Together, we all can make a positive impact in the development of the participants!