

# Member Code of Conduct San Francisco Gay Softball League



## I. Code of Conduct

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

As members of the SFGSL, all teams are expected to behave with maturity and exhibit good sportsmanship.

- No Member or fan 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. Team Managers must have full control of their players both on and off the field.
- 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 player, official, or spectator. 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 San Francisco Rec. & Park rules.)

## II. Penalties

- For any of the above listed infractions, officials will eject player or players from the game and report the incident to the Board. There is an automatic one-game suspension for any ejected player. For any flagrant act, the suspension will remain in effect until final disposition by the Board.

The Board has the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on all violations of the Member Code of Conduct. For any violation not explicitly stated in this code, the penalty will be at the discretion of the Board.

Game Officials (e.g. umpires) have general authority to handle unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with ASA Rule 10, Section 9.

The Game Official 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, making it unsafe to continue the contest.

## III. San Francisco Municipal Code, Article 6

- Section 69, 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.
- Section 70, 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 a game will be suspended and/or game forfeited.
  - Players release the City and County of San Francisco, and/or the Recreation and Park Department, and/or Director in charge, from all liabilities, claims, demands, debts and judgments.

The SFGSL reserves the right to amend this Member Code of Conduct at any time.