

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for DAYSA Softball

Before, during, and after a game the following will be enforced:

### CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

- (A) No player, coach, assistant, parent, or spectator shall make insulting or negative remarks, directly or indirectly to or about opposing players, officials, or spectators or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike. Members of one team (players, coaches, and fans) shall not ride, kid, heckle, poke fun at or in any other manner do anything that in the opinion of the umpire distracts the opposing team.

EXAMPLE: Players from the opposing team cannot yell "swing" at the batter, or "the pitcher can't pitch", or "the batter can't hit", etc.

EXAMPLE: Calling of pitches while the ball is in the air by the defensive team.

PENALTY: The umpire has the discretion to eject the offending person or persons from the premises. Should that person refuse the forfeiture of the game would be called. Swearing or racial comments call for immediate ejection without any warning!

- (B) Players, coaches, assistants, parents, and spectators shall not directly or indirectly make comments to or about the officiating crew or otherwise badger the officiating crew.
- (C) The umpire shall be empowered to call a base runner out or safe for an act either by them or by a fielder that in the opinion of the umpire is unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes both actions and verbiage.
- (D) The use of any tobacco, alcoholic beverage or illegal drug within the confines of the playing field, dugout or bench by any manager, coach, player, umpire or league official is prohibited.
- PENALTY (B) - (D): After one (1) warning the umpire will remove the offender from the field and dugout for the rest of the game that the offense occurred in. In the case the offender is an umpire, a coach may refuse to play until said umpire abides by the rule.
- (E) Profanity or throwing of equipment (i.e., bats, unsafe throwing of balls, helmets, gloves, etc.), will result in automatic and immediate ejection from the game.

Penalty for violating rules of conduct or the zero tolerance policy will lead to the temporary or permanent expulsions of anyone involved.

Penalties for violations which occur following a game will be enforced during the next game.

If there is a physical altercation between a player, coach, other team representative or an official, they are subject to suspension for up to five years, upon review of the DAYSA Board.

If a problem exists regarding the interpretation of a playing rule, the only acceptable means to resolve the problem (before the next pitch) will be for the coach to call time-out to calmly discuss the problem with the umpire''(s). Following the discussion the umpire''(s) will make a ruling and play will continue. If the coach still feels a playing rule has been misinterpreted they should file a written protest with the DAYSA Board (no further discussion with the umpire is allowed on the issue in question).