



EYO Softball Code of Conduct



Expected behavior of parents, coaches and spectators includes respecting decisions made by umpires, and being an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams, respecting fans, coaches, umpires and participants. Unacceptable behavior includes booing or heckling an umpire's decision; criticizing umpires in any way; displays of temper with an umpire's call; yelling or making statements that antagonize opponents; blaming loss of game on umpires, coaches, or participants and the use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention from the game.

Any conversation between a coach/parent/umpire/player should be discussed in a non-threatening manner, or the discussion should be immediately terminated and should be continued with the EYO Softball Commissioner.

All conduct issues regarding officials, players or parents, regardless of which team they represent, should be brought to the attention of the coach.

If, during the course of a game, a player, coach, or parent is ejected from the game by an umpire or league official for unsportsmanlike conduct, that player, coach, or parent will serve a one-game suspension. The one-game suspension will prohibit that player, coach, or parent from participation in the next game for the team. There are no circumstances under which this policy will be altered or changed (including post-season tournaments and playoffs).

Any ejection must be part of an incident report that will be submitted to the League Coordinator and Softball Commissioner for review. If the circumstances are deemed to be of a more serious nature, the Softball Commissioner may refer the matter to the EYO Board of Directors for further review and disciplinary action.

A second ejection of the same player, coach, or parent (regardless of the season in which it occurs) will result in a two-game suspension and automatic review by the EYO Board of Directors. The two-game suspension will be served during the next two games. There are no circumstances under which this policy will be altered or changed (including post-season tournaments and playoffs).

A third ejection will immediately and permanently remove this player, coach, or parent from participation in EYO Softball. If the player, coach or parent disputes this ruling then they may appeal to the Board of Directors.

Any conduct by a parent, player, or coach, that is deemed to be unsportsmanlike and in violation of the EYO Code of Ethics – regardless of whether the conduct resulted in a game ejection – can be made part of an incident report and presented to the Softball Commissioner for review. If, in the opinion of the Softball Commissioner, there is sufficient evidence to warrant further investigation, the EYO Board of Directors will be made aware of the incident, the parent, player, or coach will be suspended immediately, and an investigation will be launched not to exceed 72 hours. The penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct and violations of the EYO Code of Ethics – regardless of whether the conduct resulted in a game ejection – shall be at the sole discretion of the Softball Commissioner and EYO Board of Directors, and will be consistent with the overall mission of EYO Softball.