

## **ONSLow COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **BY-LAWS GOVERNING YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

#### **ARTICLE I**           NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Baseball/Softball League. Members of this league shall consist of the following four districts: (1) Dixon, (2) Richlands, (3) Southwest, (4) White Oak as applicable.
- Section 1.2 The purpose of this organization shall be to provide organized baseball and softball for youth throughout Onslow County. The program shall emphasize participation, sportsmanship, fellowship, and skills development while promoting physical fitness through participation in youth sports.

#### **ARTICLE II**           LEAGUE MANAGEMENT AND MEETINGS

- Section 2.1 The governing authority of the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Baseball/Softball league shall be vested in an Executive Council within each district. The Council will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Team Head Coaches. The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department's Director or an appointed representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Council. All actions of the Council are subject to approval of the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.
- Section 2.2 A majority of the members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and a majority vote shall prevail in all matters.
- Section 2.3 All Leagues must host a parent meeting for all their parents.
- Section 2.4 All Coaches must attend and pass the Onslow County Coaches Class. This does include assistant coaches. All coaches must have passed a background check and be Certified by the Onslow County staff, before he or she can be assigned a team and be cleared to practice. If a coach fails to complete these two requirements, he or she will be suspended for 1 year.
- Section 2.4 All districts must conduct an election meeting not later than the last Saturday of regular season games, to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the upcoming season. Nominations and voting (must be 18 or over) are open to the general public of the district, and to other parents/guardians whose children are eligible to participate in the district. Public notice (newspaper) of the election meeting must be given at least 1 week prior to the meeting. If a district does not hold an election meeting, then the department will schedule a meeting within 30 days of the conclusion of post-season play.
- Section 2.5 Each team shall be entitled to one representative at any meeting. The representative will be the Team Head Coach, who is a voting member of the Executive Council. If the Head Coach is unable to attend, he will designate a representative to attend in his place. The representative will vote in place of the team Head Coach.

Section 2.6 A Protest Committee shall be formed prior to the season with three members consisting of the District Coordinator and the District President. The third member, who shall be on the Executive Council and not directly involved with the dispute, will be chosen after the protest has been filed.

### ARTICLE III DISTRICT OFFICER DUTIES

Section 3.1 All District Officers must live or work in the District where in they are elected and serve.

Section 3.2 The District President shall preside at all meetings and shall ensure that all participants are properly registered (correct district, age division, etc.). Parents and coaches have a moral obligation to ensure that their children/players are registered in the proper age division. The District Coordinator will assist with this. The President will ensure that County Rules, By-Laws, and Policies and Procedures are followed. District President shall also perform the duties and responsibilities listed in Section 3.4 of the Policies and Procedures Manual. District President will also ensure that the District Officers fulfill their duties listed herein. The President or his appointed representative shall be responsible for issuing and disbursing equipment and seeing that accurate records are maintained, as well as the collection of same.

Section 3.3 The District Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and shall assist the President during registration and thereafter as needed.

Section 3.4 The district Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall forward a copy to the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department within 48 hours of approval of the minutes (approval occurs at next consecutive meeting). Assist the District President during registration and draft.

Section 3.5 The District Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out. The Treasurer shall deposit all money in the name of and to the credit of the baseball/softball district. The Treasurer shall disburse any money only under the direction of the District President. All checks shall be signed by both the Treasurer and at least one other district officer for the respective district. The Treasurer will keep receipts for all monies paid or received. No money shall be spent or received without accurate account information regarding the transaction. Each month, the Treasurer will submit to the Audit Committee (refer to Article IV) a monthly financial report, all current receipts, bills, bank statements, checkbook register and other current financial information. Within two weeks of the completion of the season, the Treasurer will submit to the Audit Committee a final financial report and all other financial information as listed above. A bank statement must be submitted monthly to the department, with the financial report. A financial report will then be submitted by the District Treasurer to the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department each month (including off-season if there is financial activity). Assist the District President during registration and draft.

Section 3.6 District President and Treasurer may not serve as designated coach, assistant coach, scorekeeper, or official. In case of emergency, President and/or Treasurer may serve as

temporary coach, scorekeeper, or official. League Vice President and Secretary may serve as official in case of emergency only.

#### ARTICLE IV AUDIT COMMITTEE

Section 4.1 The Audit Committee will provide a method of checks and balances within the District. The presence of the audit committee in no way relieves the Treasurer of his/her duties.

Section 4.2 The committee will consist of three members who are elected/ appointed in conjunction with the election of officers. Committee personnel must be district members and cannot be district officers. The committee is not part of the Executive Council. Once each month when there is financial activity the committee will meet.

Section 4.3 The committee is responsible for noting concerns and verifying/auditing the financial status of the district. Each month (including off-season if there is financial activity) the committee will meet.

4.3a Prior to this meeting, the Treasurer will submit a financial report, all current receipts, bills, bank statements, checkbook register, and all other financial information to the committee.

4.3b The committee will verify/audit this information, after which the Treasurer will forward a copy of the financial report to the District President and Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.

4.3c If discrepancies/concerns with the financial information are discovered, the committee will immediately notify, in writing, the District President and Treasurer, Executive Council, and Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department. This notification shall specifically detail the discrepancies. If the discrepancy/concern is minor, the audit committee and treasurer will meet as soon as possible to correct the situation. In case of significant discrepancies, the district officers, audit committee, and Onslow County Parks and Recreation representative will meet to discuss the district's financial status.

#### ARTICLE V TEAM SPONSORS

Section 5.1 Team sponsors may be secured by the district management with technical assistance from Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department when possible. The sponsor shall have no voice in the operation of the district. Duties and responsibilities are noted in Section 3.6 of the policies and procedures manual. Each district must submit a list of all sponsors and their contact information. This has to be submitted two weeks before the first game.

#### ARTICLE VI FINANCES

Section 6.1 The finances of the district shall be directed in a way that will not give any one team an advantage over another team or teams.

Section 6.2 District entry fees shall cover the cost of officials, scorekeepers, necessary equipment and supplies, awards, Dixie insurance, and all-star Jersey's for all youth all-star teams.

Section 6.3 A registration fee not to exceed \$45.00 may be charged to each participant (\$30.00 of which is a County Recreation Participation fee.) T-ball participants will pay \$30.00. (\$15.00 of this fee will go to the County)

Section 6.4 Game schedules will not be released until initial registration fees have been paid. (By all districts)

#### ARTICLE VII REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Section 7.1 Participants may ONLY register with district officers at designated registration. A participant must have a parent/guardian at registration in order to sign them up and turn in their legal document showing age (registration forms must be filled out and signed) OR, a parent/guardian who cannot make any of the registration dates may pick up the registration forms from Onslow Pines Administration Office prior to registration, fill them out, and have an adult submit them during registration at the district tin which their child will play (all forms must be filled out completely). Acceptable Legal Documents: birth certificate, military ID card, current passport, immunization records, learners permit, drivers license, school records, adoption papers. All participants must submit a copy (not the original) of their legal document at registration. No exceptions! It is recommended that the district keep a copy of all legal documents on file with a district officer. It is the District Officers, parents and coaches equal responsibility to ensure that each child is registered.

7.1a Participants are eligible to advance one (1) age division when within one year of advancing to the division. Example: 8-year-old can play 10&U; 12 year old can play 14&U

7.1b T-Ball Division. This is a mixed division where girls and boys play on the same team.

7.1c All Other Division. All other age divisions are not considered mix. However, girls may register to play on boys teams. Boys can register to play on girls teams, if that is the sex that they identify as.

7.1d NOTE: If there are not enough participants of a gender to register in a particular age division to have number of minimum teams (as set by the Bylaws) needed for a league in that division, then mixed play may be allowed provided that there are no other options available (in the county) to the participants.

Section 7.2 Registration for all districts must be completed by the third Friday following the start of each district's scheduled games. Late registration after the above date will not be held.

7.2a EXCEPTION: If, after the completion of registration a team is at risk of folding and/or forfeiting games due to not having the number of players needed to legally start a game, that team will be allowed to add up to 3 players from the waiting list (first three individuals from the waiting list) to their roster on one occasion. All late addition players (up to 3) must be added at the same time.

Section 7.3 Players and coaches should be residents of Onslow County. Residents are defined as those people who physically reside or attend school in Onslow County.

7.3a Non-residents may register, but only in a district that is adjacent to their county of residence.

7.3b EXCEPTION: Non-residents may coach provided they submit a written request to the district and receive approval from the district prior to coaching. The district must then submit a written request, including the name(s) of the non-resident coaches it has approved to the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, which will then notify the district of any coaches that have been denied approval to coach. Non-residents may only coach in a district that is adjacent to their county of residence.

Section 7.4 A participant can only register and play in the district of their home address.

Section 7.5 Coaches are solicited by each district. Coaches must successfully complete a background check; and can coach in only one district during a season.

Section 7.6 A player may play in only one Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department League sport during simultaneous seasons (i.e. person cannot participate in Girls fast-pitch and baseball programs.)

Section 7.7 A participant seeking a special consideration, such as playing outside the prescribed age division may submit a "Special Request Form" at initial registration to the district providing an explanation for the request. The request will then be forwarded to the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department for consideration by the Parks.

7.7a If the physical abilities of a player (playing down) are later judged by the District Coordinator and District Officers to be superior to the age division, the player may be returned to the proper age division.

Section 7.8 Persons will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they register. When assigning persons to teams from the waiting list, persons must be assigned in the order in which they registered and in the appropriate draft order (i.e. first person on list is assigned to the next team in the draft which needs a player, second person on list is assigned to the next consecutive team in the draft which needs a player, etc.). Waiting lists for each district will consist of persons who:

- 1) Did not present birth certificate at registration
- 2) Registered after the draft
- 3) Moved into the area after the draft
- 4) Submitted a special request at initial registration

7.8a Persons on the waiting list may be assigned to the teams in the appropriate draft order prior to the registration deadline only. Refer to Section 7.2a of the By-Laws for exception.

Section 7.9 If a player quits a team for any reason, he will not be permitted to play on another team during that season. If he wishes to play the following season, he must participate in the draft.

Section 7.10 A coach may not cut players from his team.

7.10a If a youth's actions or attitude become detrimental to the team and program, the situation should be brought to the attention of the District Coordinator and District Officers through written documentation.

7.10b The District Coordinator will determine the disciplinary action. Any action taken must be submitted to the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.

7.10c in severe cases, recommendation may include player's suspension or expulsion.

## ARTICLE VIII DRAFT PROCEDURE

Section 8.1 Draft for teams will be conducted at designated times and locations for each district. Exact dates will be determined each year.

Section 8.2 Players who participated in at least 1 of the last 3 games of the previous regular season and who meet age requirements for that same division will remain on the same team and need not attend the draft. Any player who wishes to switch teams prior to the draft may request in writing at registration that they be placed back into the draft to get on another team. However, a player may make such request only once per age division.

8.2a Returning players will automatically be on the same team each year until they age out of that division. Once a player ages out of a age group, he or she will be placed back in the new age groups draft.

8.2b Coaches will be responsible for contacting returning players to determine their intentions for playing the upcoming year. Returning players must register according to procedures noted in Article VII of the By-Laws and Article II of the Policies and Procedures.

8.2c EXCEPTION: If a participant has prolonged illness or injury (3 weeks or longer), he will still be considered a member of the team and will not participate in the draft the following year.

Section 8.3 It is recommended everyone registered attend the player assessment, if held (except registered returning players participating in the same age division.) Players and parents are not required to be present at the draft.

Section 8.4 There are only two coaches per team, for 10u and above age groups. 8u and t-ball teams can have 4 coaches per team.

Section 8.5 Coaches will draft only from registered players.

Section 8.6 After the player assessment (if held), the Head Coaches will meet with the District Officers and District Coordinator to draft players.

8.6a for all divisions the draft will be conducted for each round with the last place team having the first draft pick and continuing in reverse order of the previous year's regular season standings. After the first round, the draft returns to the last place team, etc.

EXAMPLE: 1st round drafter order (3 teams) -3,2,1

2nd round drafter order -3,2,1

3rd round drafter order -3,2,1

Etc.

8.6b Drafts that include expansion teams (newly formed, first year) and existing teams with no returning players will be conducted in this manner. Such team(s) will receive, by the coach's pick, two players (one from each age in the division with the age being determined by how old the youth is as of August 1 of the current playing year) eligible for the draft PRIOR to the beginning of the draft. The draft will then be conducted in accordance with

Section 8.5a.

EXAMPLE: Minor Division with 5 teams including one expansion team. PRIOR to draft expansion team (team 5) will receive 2 players (an 11. yr old and a 12 yr. old) by coach's pick.

1st round -5,4,3,2,1

2nd round -5,4,3,2,1

3rd round -5,4,3,2,1

Etc.

NOTE: In the event that the draft doesn't have children from each age, the team will pick 2 children from the next oldest group. 8.5c Once drafted, each player will be obligated to the team for the duration n of the season, except as noted by 8.2. No trading or swapping players is allowed.

8.5d The son(s) or daughter(s) of a HEAD COACH will automatically be assigned to his/her parent's team and count as the coach's first draft choice. If a HEAD COACH has more than one child, additional children will count as the next consecutive draft picks. For example: Coach has two children. One will count as the first draft choice and other will count as second draft choice.

8.5e The son(s) or daughter(s) of FIRST ASSISTANT COACH will become the next draft choice(s) after the son(s) or daughter(s) of the HEAD COACH have been selected.

8.5f The brother sister of a player already on a team shall automatically be assigned to the same team unless specified by parents. The brother or sister will count as the third draft choice. Additional brothers and sisters will count as the next consecutive draft picks. If a brother or sister is a late registrant, they will go on the waiting list like all other late registrants.

8.5g Once a team has drafted the number of players to complete the roster, the team's participation in the draft is over. The original order will continue, but the teams with full rosters will not pick players. This procedure will continue until all of the players have been drafted.

8.5h After the draft and prior to the registration deadline, additional players should be added to teams in appropriate draft order.

ARTICLE IX REGULAR SEASON GAMES

Section 9.1 The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department will schedule all games for the Districts (traveling and non traveling). All games scheduled by the Department practice or regular will be played. A two game suspension of the Head Coach will be enforced for refusal to play any game on his or her schedule. This coach will not be allowed to coach any all-star team that season.

Section 9.2 A district must have 5 or more teams in an age group to play all their divisional games at their home field. If a league does not meet the minimum number of teams to play in house, they will be combined with the other same age groups from the other districts. All teams in that age group will have to travel to different districts during the season.

Section 9.3 The number of regular season games per team can be NO MORE than 15 games, unless written approval is given by the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 9.4 Scheduling conflicts (legitimate school functions) must be submitted prior to scheduling deadline date as determined by the Department. Requests must be submitted through the District President.

Section 9.5 Requests for rescheduling of regular season games for reasons other than inclement weather must be submitted in writing and received by the Department. Requests must be submitted through the District President.

Section 9.6 Practice Schedules & Practices.

9.5a Pre-Season: No more than 3 days per week. NO practices will be scheduled on Sundays.

9.5b During Season: No more than 2 days per week. NO practices will be scheduled on Sundays.

9.5c NO practices will last longer than 90 minutes.

9.5d NO practices or Games can be held unless an OCCC (Onslow County Coaches Class) certified coach is present.

9.5e At least (2) adults 18 years of age or over (preferable a parent) must be present for practices to be held.

Section 9.7 Starting Times for Regular Season Games

9.6a Monday-Sunday, no game may be scheduled to begin later than 9:00PM.

9.6b From Monday-Friday, no game may begin before 6:00PM or after 9:30PM.

9.6c On Saturdays, no game may begin before 8:00AM or after 10:00PM.

9.6d On Sundays, no game may begin before 10:00AM or after 9:30PM.

9.6e Where games are scheduled and a high heat index advisory is in effect, please take special precautions. Steps should include: encouraging frequent breaks with plenty of fluids

on hand, having ice and cold towels available, and constant close monitoring of the participants.

#### ARTICLE X TOURNAMENTS

Section 10.1 There will be a countywide tournament at the end of regular season play. One all-start team in each division, except T-Ball, from each district will be eligible to participate. Each team will consist of 13 players.

Section 10.2 Tournament hosting responsibilities will rotate annually:

	@ Onslow Pines	@ Steed Park
2018	Dixon	Richlands
2019	Southwest	White Oak
2020	Richlands	Dixon
2021	White Oak	Southwest

10.2a The host district(s) may charge a \$45.00 per team fee to the other districts. This fee should be submitted to the host district(s) at the annual pretournament meeting.

Section 10.3 The playing sites used during the tournament will be determined by the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 10.4 Regular season rules will be in effect during the entire tournament, including the participation rule and time limit, with the following exceptions:

10.4a EXCEPTION: No time limit in Championship game(s).

10.4b EXCEPTION: Suspended games will be resumed at the point of interruption. All games must be completed unless the 10 run rule or time limit is in effect.

10.4c EXCEPTION: Protests will be handled at the playing site. Game will resume once a decision is reached by the Protest Committee

10.4d EXCEPTION: Mandatory playing rules for the county all-star tournament is in effect and the coach has the right to substitute as he or she deems necessary for all age divisions except 8U baseball and softball.

#### ARTICLE XI SELECTIONS OF ALLSTARS

Section 11.1 Within each district all star teams will be chosen for each age division, including traveling and non-traveling teams, with the following exceptions:

11.1a EXCEPTION: All-Stars will not be selected in the T-Ball Division. T-Ball will conclude with the completion of regular season.

11.1b All-Star teams will represent their district at the County Tournament.

11.1c A participant must participate in 75% of the regular season games in the proper age division to be eligible for all-star competition.

11.1d Individuals who are simultaneously participating in other school recreational baseball or softball programs are eligible for all-star play.

11.1e If approval is granted to play down (lower age division), then that player will not be eligible for all-star play.

11.1f Allstar coaches will be selected by District Board members and District coordinator. All ties will be sent to the Athletic Program supervisor and he or she will have the final say.

Section 11.2 All Districts will conduct an assessment for all, all-star positions. This assessment will be open to all players in that age group. The head coach, assistant coach, district coordinator, and a board member must be present during assessments. Districts that have only 1 team participating in an age division during the regular season will be required to bring all players from that team to the County Tournament. All players that attend the County Tournament must play according to county policy.

11.2c Any player who cannot participate during the County Tournament may be replaced provided the replaced player's parent/guardian signs the appropriate form, as provided by the department, giving their approval for the replacement. Replacement players will be selected by the all-star head coach and must come from the original list of all-star nominations, if such players remain. Otherwise, any eligible player may be selected.

Section 11.3 The Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department will send the first place team to the Dixie Tournament and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team to the Statewide Athletic Committee (SWAC) Tournament in those age divisions offered by SWAC. When eligible to do so, the team will be chosen from among all districts competing in that particular age division. Otherwise, the 3-place team from the County Tournament will advance to SWAC. The County 3rd place Head Coach will be the SWAC Head Coach. If he/she cannot fulfill these duties, then the first Assistant will be offered the position, provided he/she is available. If not, the 4nd place Head Coach will be the SWAC coach. If a player cannot participate in the SWAC or Dixie Tournament, that player must notify Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department. The Head Coach will then be able to choose an alternate player to replace that player. The replacement player will be selected in accordance with SWAC policy (players must have played against each other in a regular season format.) The selection of the alternate player will be done in the presence of the Assistant Recreation Supervisor (Youth Athletics) or his/her designee by the Department.

Section 11.4 Districts that wish to participate in other tournaments and not in SWAC, must declare this to the Department no later than June 1 of the current year.

11.5a PENALTY: Any district that does not follow the rules will not be allowed to host any type of tournament for 1 year (which includes hosting the county tournament at the end of the season). A district may appeal this suspension to the Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. Suspension would take effect for the following season.

## ARTICLE XII AWARDS

Section 12.1 Awards, other than the personalized certificates, shall be determined and financed by the district and the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 12.2 County Tournament Champions will received personalized certificates that will be furnished by the Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department or the District, if a District is hosting, that is responsible for the trophies.

#### ARTICLE XIII PROTESTS

The Protest Committee will consist of three members – the District Coordinator, the District President, and a third member (chosen by the District Coordinator and District President), who is on the Executive Council, but not directly involved in the dispute. The third member will be chosen AFTER the protest has been filed. In games involving 2 different districts, the Protest Committee will consist of the District Presidents for the By-Laws districts involved and the District Coordinator who was on duty at the site of the game. EXCEPTION: The Protest Committee during the County Tournament will consist of the Tournament Director, or individual appointed by Tournament Director, and the two District Coordinators on duty at the time. Protests must be handled at the time received; games may not proceed until a decision is reached. The following specification must be met in order to protest.

Section 13.1 Each District League will appoint a Protest Committee to resolve all protests. The Coordinator of each district appointed by the Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department shall serve on the Protest Committee.

Section 13.2 A protest base on a play that involves the official's judgment is not permitted. The official's word is final. The only legal protest involves interpretation of the playing rules or the use of an ineligible properly registered player (i.e. entering a player into the game who has no re-entry eligibility).

Section 13.3 The protesting coach must immediately notify the official that he is protesting. The officials will notify the scorekeeper and opposing coach that thee game is continuing under protest. Scorekeeper will record details of game at time of protest (i.e. inning, team at bat, number of outs, etc.).

Section 13.4 A protest will not be considered by the Protest Committee unless the protesting coach/manager places it in writing on the proper form and submits it to the Onslow County Parks & Recreation Department Administration Office AND submits a \$25.00 protest fee (cash or certified check only) to the opposing team's District President (if paid by check, make check payable to the appropriate district). Both the form and protest fee must be received by 5:00 p.m. the next working day. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest in not upheld, the fee will be deposited in the account of the District who won the protest.

#### ARTICLE XIV GROUND RULES FOR PLAYING FIELDS

Section 14.1 Each district is responsible for making ground rules for each field used in their district.

Section 14.2 Ground rules are to be put in writing and should include but are not limited to:

14.2a Permanent objects in the field of play (i.e. posts in outfield, etc.)

14.2b Permanent objects over the field of play (i.e. electrical wires)

14.2c Defined dugout areas (if no permanent dugout is erected)

Section 14.3 A copy of all ground rules are to be distributed PRIOR to the beginning of the season to the following people: All District Officers, District Coordinator, All District Presidents whose teams will be playing at your fields, Chief of Officials, All Head Coaches who will be using your fields (including those coaches from other districts) and the Athletic Programs Supervisor. A copy of all ground rules should be posted on the inside of your concession stand/building.

#### ARTICLE XV CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by anyone associated with Onslow County Youth Baseball/Softball Program.

Section 15.1 District Officers. Shall conduct themselves in a manner as to not bring disgrace upon themselves, their district or the Youth baseball/Softball Program. PENALTY: First Offense – The officer will receive a letter of reprimand from the department. Second Offense – The officer will be removed from office. NOTE: According to the severity of the offense, removal from office could occur on first offense.

Section 15.2 Any coach or player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct (as determined and documented on the appropriate form), shall be deal with as follows, with further penalties also possible.

15.2a Coaches. Must leave the site immediately. First Offense – The coach shall be suspended from coaching in the team's next game played (does not include cancellations due to inclement weather or forfeits). The coach is also banned from the team's playing site and other county playing site until their next game is played to include all games played at designated site(s) for that day/night of game suspension. The rule is also applicable where the coach coaches more than one team. Second Offense – The coach will be removed from coaching for the remainder of the season. NOTE: According to the severity of either offense, additional penalties by the department may all incur (including removal from coach for the first offense, or revocation of OCCC certification).

15.2b Players. Must leave the playing field and team dugout area. First Offense – The player shall be suspended from participation from the team's next played game (this does not include cancellations due to inclement weather or forfeits). The player is also banned from the team's playing site and other county playing sites until their next game is played to include all games played at designated site(s) for the day/night of the game suspension. Second Offense – Player shall be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. NOTE: According to the severity of the offense, additional penalties by the Department may also incur. (See "Code of Conduct") If a player or coach is confined to the dugout during a game, no further penalty is necessary, unless deemed differently.

Section 15.3 Spectators. Spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner as to promote sportsmanship among the participants. Any spectator not conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the site for the remainder of the day/night and/or dealt with according to the "Code of Conduct", when applicable.

Section 15.4 The District Coordinator has chief authority regarding matters of conduct as per ARTICLE III of the Policies & Procedures. All ejections must be reported to the Department the following work day. Further Discipline of coaches, players, volunteers and spectators may be administered by the District in accordance with the Policies & Procedures. Additional discipline may be taken by the Department in accordance with the Policies and Procedures.