
PLAYER CONDUCT POLICY

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PURPOSE

Establish a code of conduct for all players while participating with Inter Tribal Sports athletic leagues.

POLICY

The creation of a positive, fun, and competitive sports environment, it is everyone's responsibility. A player's behavior both on and off the court/field can significantly impact and influence this tone. Therefore, players are expected to maintain and adhere to some basic rules of conduct.

Code of Conduct

Inter Tribal Sports (ITS) strives to provide a positive environment during the facilitation of athletic leagues. Therefore, all players are expected to agree and accept responsibility for their participation based on the following pledge.

- I will encourage sportsmanship from my fellow players, coaches, game officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will do my very best to listen to my coaches and game officials.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, game officials, and fans with respect regardless of the outcome of the game.
- I will not participate in a verbal or physical confrontation with any player, coach, game official, or fan.
- I will not engage in disparaging dialogue with other players, game officials, coaches or fans.
- I will follow the spirit and the letter of the rules by playing fairly at all times.
- I will refrain from using drugs and alcohol at any time.
- I will encourage continued participation of my teammates and others playing in the league.
- I will play at a level that is safe for me and others.
- I will remember that participation in ITS is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Conduct Violations

Players are expected to display appropriate behavior at all times while representing ITS. Violations shall be defined as follows.

- **Misconduct:** bullying, disparaging dialogue, inappropriate language directed at anyone, non-incident pushing and shoving during gameplay that might lead to fighting
- **Fighting:** punching, hitting, kicking, or any other behavior that is indicative of fighting
- **Illicit Substances:** illegal drugs, steroids, non-prescribed prescription drugs, or alcohol

Conduct Penalty Violations

In an effort to promote a positive experience for everyone, players shall respect the game and follow the spirit and letter of the rules as well as the directions of the game officials. Inappropriate behavior which constitutes ejection from any game, unsportsmanlike conduct before or after the game, or use of illicit substances shall be subject to the following penalties.

Violation	Penalty
Misconduct Game Ejection (1 st offense)	Suspension from next game.
Misconduct Game Ejection (2 nd in 6 months)	Three (3) game suspension. If within the same sports season, then suspended for remainder of the season.
Game Ejection for Fighting (before, during or after game)	A minimum of a one game day suspension, where player must show up to game day during suspension and have an in-person meeting with the disciplinary committee. If during championships, suspension will continue until the next sports season.
Use of Illicit Substances (1 st offense)	Suspension for two (2) days of play and may return with the endorsement of the board representative.
Use of Illicit Substances (2 nd offense)	Suspension for remainder of the season and may extend into next sports season depending on severity.
Other Violations (not explicitly defined)	Depending on the violation, penalties shall be imposed <u>by the ITS administrative office at the recommendation of the Executive Board.</u>

Furthermore, ITS reserves the right to adjust any penalty depending on the severity of the violation and the individual’s history of violations within ITS, up to and including permanent removal from participation in all ITS leagues.

Board of Directors Review

Only the Board Representative from the individual’s tribe/tribal organization may request a review by the Board of Directors for any violation and subsequent imposed penalty. The player will be expected to serve the suspension until the Board of Directors meets to review the circumstances of the situation.

RELATED INFORMATION

Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

[League Rules](#) (see specific sport)

Inter Tribal Sports Related Policies:

[100.1 Participant Eligibility](#); [100.2 Participant and Team Registration Policy](#)

Related Links:

www.intertribalsports.org → [Team Central](#) → [Coach Corner](#) → [ITS Rules and Policies](#)