



# AAD/USSSA CODE OF CONDUCT

**SPRING 2020**

As a condition of participation in the AAD / USSSA programs, it is understood and agreed that the following Code of Conduct shall be adhered to. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced. It is the manager’s responsibility to ensure all his / her players and spectators know and adhere to these conditions of participation. Every Player, Manager, Coach, Parent, and Spectator who attends these programs events are bound by this Code of Conduct, regardless of their individual acceptance.

1. NO PLAYER / COACH / MANAGER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL: Be guilty of physical attack or verbal abuse as an aggressor upon any player, official, director, parent, manager, coach, or spectator. This includes negative and / or unsportsmanlike comments and gestures, in general or directed at the opposing team, same team or game officials/directors. Officials or Directors may suspend offender from further play and are required to report such offender to the League Office. The offender will remain suspended until his / her case has been considered. Team managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, coaches and spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive individuals may result in forfeiture of the game and additional sanctions. Anyone who enters the field of play or any game participant that leaves their offensive position, defensive position, dugout or the field of play to engage other participants or spectators are immediately suspended. Managers are to verbally control their players, coaches and spectators. New Mexico statute 30-3-9.1 makes violation of this provision a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony if directed at a sport official or director.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and/or probation for the balance of the season/event.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for life and / or clearing the stands for games and / or hiring security (at the team’s expense) to monitor enforce the COC.
2. NO PLAYER / COACH / MANAGER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL: Refuse to abide by league policies/procedures or officials or director’s decisions. This includes adhering to park policies including, but not limited to, prohibiting seed shells at any applicable facility or field. This also includes adhering to the national Safe Sport Act of 2017 where by any AAD/USSSA Youth Program Manager, Coach, Volunteer or Parent who has reason to suspect an incident of child abuse - sex abuse, physical or mental injury and negligent treatment - are required, as soon as possible (within a 24-hour period), to report such incident to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, as determined by state or federal law. Reasonable, moderate and non-cruel discipline administered by a parent or legal guardian to their child does not have to be reported. Failing to make a required report may subject one to criminal penalties. A person will not be held liable if they make a report in good faith, including in situations where the reported incident is determined not to be child abuse. Participants also agree to not promote, organize or facilitate, now or in the future, a competing league or tournament program, per the USSSA Constitution XVII.7.e, within the Albuquerque MSA. Such offender shall remain suspended until his / her case has been considered.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by officials  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension and / or removal from the league program.
3. NO PLAYER / COACH / MANAGER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL: Be guilty of objectionable demonstration or dissent at a game official's decision. Only the team manager (singular), who must be designated at pre-game, shall be allowed to have any interaction or verbal contact with the officials.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by officials  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: \$100.00 fine and / or Removal from the game. Any offender, who has been disqualified from two games during the course of a season, may be suspended from the next 4 games (suspension can be carried over to the next season).
4. NO PLAYER / COACH / MANAGER / SPECTATOR / PARENT SHALL: Be guilty of using or encouraging unnecessarily rough or dangerous tactics (in the play of game) against the body or person of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately suspend offender from further play and report such player to the League / Tournament director.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Immediate ejection and probation for the balance of the season/event.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: \$100.00 fine and / or Suspension, and place on probation for the remainder of the season.
5. Coaches/Managers/Parents/Spectators/Participants are prohibited from the use of alcoholic beverages at the complex, at any time prior to or during the play of their team’s game. Those, who in the opinion of the official or League / Tournament director appear intoxicated, shall be sanctioned. Coaches/Managers are also prohibited from using any tobacco products in the dugout or on the field during their team’s games.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Ejection from the game.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: \$100.00 fine and / or Suspension from the program
6. Coaches/Managers/Parents/Participants agree to only use equipment that is approved by the national sanctioning body adopted for league play AND as approved by the local league as well as adhering to the playing rules and policies adopted by this program and the USSSA.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning by the officials and / or ejection from the game.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: \$100.00 fine and / or Suspension from the program
7. Any PLAYER / MANAGER / COACH / SPECTATOR removed from a game must leave the playing field and dugout area immediately – out of sight and out of sound unless the officials specifically stipulate a different location. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of the game and suspension for a minimum of the three subsequent games.
8. Managers/Coaches agree to roster (on both local and national web site) and field a team of players that are eligible to participate in the age division the team is registered and agree not to recruit other teams existing players until the conclusion of the specific league season being played. “Recruit” is defined as any form of communication with player or parent and excludes general posting of flyers or notices on the local web site. Excluded from this recruiting policy are guest player invitations for tournaments.
9. Managers agree to accurately complete and submit, by the published deadline, each form required by the league program and utilize the AAD line-up form during league and tournament play. Managers agree that they have read and agree to the provisions in the Player/Parent/Manager Handbook posted on the local web site. Managers agree that EVERY individual associated with the coaching will have passed the required background check, concussion training, secure and wear the AAD/USSSA Identification Badge AND be listed as a coach on this Code of Conduct and Lineup Card prior to participating in any game.  
MINIMUM PENALTY: Warning issued by the league to the Manager and offending Coach.  
MAXIMUM PENALTY: Duplicate sanctions, for the manager of the team, as those imposed on the non-listed assistant coach when violations occur up to and including removal from the program.
10. Managers are responsible for ensuring their team adheres to each parks policy/restrictions on seeds and cleats and for cleaning up their dugout and stands after each game.  
**Any person/team, found in violation of the Code of Conduct, can result in the removal from the program and forfeiture of all fees paid. Violations from previous seasons (repeat offenders) can be factored into sanctions issued.**

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As manager of a team participating in this program I have read, understand and agree to abide by all provisions contained in Code of Conduct, Payment Policy, Forfeit / Schedule / Reschedule Policy statement. A MINIMUM of two adults are to be listed below and present at each contest.

Team Name		Age Division
Manager Name	Manager Signature	Date
Asst Coach Name and ROLE ON TEAM	Asst. Coach Signature	Date