

2026

GREATER KEENE MEN'S SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT

*****PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION AVAILABLE UNDER "HANDOUTS" TAB*****

In game player complaints/swearing rules:

- Mandatory pre-game meeting with team rep and manager, these will be the only two players to address umpires during the game about appeals/protests.
- No arguing ball and strikes; players that do will be warned and then ejected.
- Any vulgarity directed at an umpire is an automatic ejection.
- Vulgarity not directed at an umpire results in a bench warning given to the team manager/rep.
- Further vulgarity will result in an ejection of the player who used the vulgar language; the player must leave the field right away.
- The bench is not a “safe zone,” the team manager will be responsible for any insults, vulgarity or complaints coming from the bench.

Important notes regarding the Code of Conduct:

- Any player ejected from a game is not eligible to play the rest of the day. (these do not count towards any suspension)
- Suspensions of 1 game will be served for the team they were playing on when ejected.
- If a 2 game suspension is served both will be for the team playing on when ejected
- Anything more than 2 games will be split between total number of teams played for

Any player ejected from a game will result in an automatic 1 game suspension. There are no exceptions to this.

Suspensions & Probationary Periods:

- Suspensions will be for the next consecutive games and not just based on an equal amount per team.
- Any vulgarity or arguing after an ejection will result in the next level of disciplinary actions.
- Players who do not leave the field after an ejection will also receive the next level of disciplinary actions.
- Any 2nd or 3rd level offense will come with a reinstatement fee. This is to help cover the cost of the arbitration meeting that will be held.
- USA requires a lifetime suspension for any player who physically assaults a USA umpire.
- All suspensions that overlap into the next season will be carried over.
- All suspensions that are listed above are minimums and can be increased by the GKMSA Executive Board and Board of Directors if need be on a case by case basis.

- Players, coaches, fans and umpires need to act in a professional manner before, during, and after the games.
- If a player is ejected from a game they will be ineligible to play in any other games for any team the rest of the day or night. If the player participates in any game while suspended or ineligible the team will forfeit due to the player being ineligible and the player will be suspended for no less than the remainder of the season.
- Any behavior viewed as detrimental by the league will be subject to suspension.
- Umpires are responsible for write-ups of any ejections. Ejections must be reported to the UIC immediately following the game.
- If a player is put on probation, the probationary period carries 1 (one) calendar year from the start of probation.
- If a suspension/probation is handed out for abusing alcohol privileges, a probation of not being allowed to consume alcohol will be added to run in tandem with the suspension/probation.

Level 1 Offense- minimum 1 game suspension (no board meeting required)

- Ejected from a game for any reason.

Level 2 Offense - minimum 2 game suspension (board meeting required \$25.00 reinstatement fee)

- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Throwing equipment.
- Vulgarity towards an umpire.
- Consuming alcoholic beverages outside designated area (while actively playing or spectating).

Level 3 Offense - minimum 3 games (board meeting required \$75.00 reinstatement fee)

- Aggressively throwing equipment that potentially puts players, umpires, or spectators at risk of injury.
- Not leaving the field quietly and calmly after an ejection.

Level 4 Offense - minimum of 50% of remaining season. Possible banishment from the league. If less than 8 games are left this will roll over into next year. (Board meeting required \$150 reinstatement fee)

- Physical altercation.
- Repeat offenders of a Level 2 or greater offense.
- Breaking probation/suspension.

*** All decisions made by the board are final ***

Anything not covered above, please refer to the USA Softball Official Rules of Softball Manual.