

Paulding County Baseball Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Action Matrix

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This list of Code of Conduct violations and this Disciplinary Action Matrix are to be used to define behavioral violations and the consequences; however, this list may not be all inclusive and the Baseball Advisory Board has the discretion to add and or modify these violations and consequences as warranted. The Baseball Advisory Board should follow the recommended disciplinary action from the matrix when the violation falls within the parameters of the matrix.

All Coaches, Parents, Umpires and Park Board Members must be provided a copy of this Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Matrix prior to the season.

1. Disciplinary action is to be sent back to the community. The Baseball Advisory Board recommends each community use the Disciplinary Action Matrix in making disciplinary decisions. The community is to advise the Baseball Advisory Board of the actions taken.

The Baseball Advisory Board reserves the right to reject and/or modify the actions taken.

2. Any umpire, coach, player or spectator wanting to take disciplinary action against any player, coach, spectator or umpire must report, in writing, to the Advisory Board representative for the park where the violation takes place within **72** hours. The umpire must complete an Incident Report form whenever an ejection takes place. Incident Report forms should be available at each park.

Paulding County List of Code of Conduct Violations

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Tier I Violations

1. Ejections from the game for the following reasons:
 - a. Arguing judgment calls
 - b. Profanity
 - c. Verbally abusive language
 - d. Tobacco use – on field or in dugout
 - e. Intentionally hitting a player with a thrown/pitched ball
2. Verbally taunting or using physical gestures to entice a response from another coach, player, umpire or spectator
3. Having a pitcher pitch more than the maximum innings allowed for that age
4. Alcohol or drug use

Tier II Violations

1. Verbally threatening another coach, player, umpire or spectator
2. Physical contact with anger towards another coach, player, umpire or spectator (ex: bumping an umpire)

Tier III Violations

1. Physical contact with intent to harm another coach, player, umpire or spectator (may be deemed Tier IV if necessary)
2. Instructing a player to do physical harm to another player (may be deemed Tier IV if necessary)

Tier IV Violations

1. Brandishing a weapon

Miscellaneous Violations:

1. Using illegal players - Refer to the Dizzy Dean Rulebook for the consequences of using illegal players

Coaches/Players & Spectator Disciplinary Matrix

Tier 1 Violation

1st Offense:

- A. One Game Suspension
- B. If ejection – current game plus one game

2nd Offense in Same Season:

- A. Current game plus 3 Game Suspension

3rd Offense in Same Season:

- A. Move to Tier 2

3 Offenses in Consecutive Seasons:

- A. Suspended for the remainder of season plus
- B. 1 year* Suspension

1 Offense during a Probationary Period:

- A. Move to Tier 3

Tier 2 Violation

1st Offense:

- A. Suspension for Remainder of current season plus
- B. 1 Year Suspension plus
- C. 1 Year Probation

2nd Offense:

- A. Move to Tier 3

Tier 3 Violation

1st Offense:

- A. Suspension for Remainder of Current Season plus
- B. 3 Year Suspension plus
- C. 2 Years Probation plus
- D. Incident Reported to NYSCA

2nd Offense:

- A. Move to Tier 4

Tier 4 Violation

1st Offense:

- A. Lifetime Suspension plus
- B. Incident Reported to NYSCA

*A “Year” for suspension purposes is defined as one calendar year from the end of the current season. (For example, if a coach is suspended for the remainder of the current season plus one year during the spring season, then that coach is not eligible to coach until after the spring season of the following year.)

Umpires: Any disciplinary action for an Umpire will be set by the Paulding County Baseball Advisory Board on a case by case basis.