



Dear League Manager:



Welcome to the 2018 Season!

Welcome to the upcoming softball season at the Canton Sports Center. We're excited about the upgrades to the fields including a new laser grade, field crown, dura-edge red clay infield mix, and fresh sod on the sidelines. Our staff is dedicated to organizing fun and competitive leagues, keeping the complex safe and clean, and creating a family-friendly atmosphere! It is important that all managers share the schedules, rules and facility information with all players on your team.

Some great places to get up to date information include the Canton Sports Center website csc.canton-mi.org and CSC Facebook page.

We utilize Manageyourleague for scheduling info and rained out text for nightly updates.

We expect players in our programs to compete with class at all times. Please only register players on your roster that respect the game, the rules, the opponents, the staff and the efforts made to share quality times through softball. Please contact our staff by phone anytime with questions or concerns at (734) 483-5600.

Enjoy your Season!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2018 SEASON

Managers Meeting- Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:30 PM
Opening Day Session I – April 18

KickersAll Star Grill **(734) 482-1600**

Located at the Canton Sports Center, Kickers All Star Grill is a full service restaurant and party facility. Kicker's is open Monday-Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and 10 a.m. – 1a.m. on Saturday & Sunday. Kickers can host your party up to 300 people. Please call for more information.

2018 Rules and Regulations

Rules are also available at csc.canton-mi.org

Welcome and thank you for registering your team at the Canton Sports Center (CSC). Every manager should read and become familiar with the following rules and regulations. As a manager, it is your responsibility to be sure that your players have read and understand these rules. We hope these policies will contribute to a safe and enjoyable season for all teams.

Section One – Park Regulations

1.1 Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. (Weekend hours may vary according to activity.) Please contact the Canton Sports Center regarding these hours. Messages may be left on our voice mail system at other times. To leave a message, please call (734) 483-5600.

Due to the tremendous volume of calls during inclement weather, rain out and field condition information cannot be given out over the office phone, please call (734) 483-2913 after 4:00pm (M-F) and after 12:00pm (Sun). Please use the RAINED OUT TEXT FEATURE

Your players are now able to sign up for the rained out text communication for their night of softball.

<https://www.rainedout.net/team> Simply go to the website. Enter your phone number. Select the nights you want to be notified about and you will receive text notification regarding rain outs and field updates.

1.2 Beverages, Alcohol and Food

Beverages, alcohol and food purchased outside Canton Sports Center will not be permitted in the complex, including the parking lot area. Bringing these items in is prohibited by Michigan law regulating liquor, beer and food service. No glass containers are allowed on the premises. Drinking fountains are located by all diamonds. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the dugouts or on the field of play by players or non-players at anytime. Anyone purchasing alcoholic beverages must be 21 years of age. Anyone attempting to purchase or consume alcohol under the legal age limit is subject to indefinite suspension from the complex and prosecution to the full extent of the law. Any individual buying alcohol for a person under the legal drinking age will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and will be indefinitely suspended from the complex. Please cooperate with our personnel if they refuse to serve you alcoholic beverages. It is for your own safety and the safety of others. Anyone considered intoxicated will not be served. Please notify management if our personnel are serving anyone who appears intoxicated.

1.3 Parking Lot

No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, motorcycles or unauthorized motor vehicles are allowed beyond designated parking areas. Canton Sports Center is not responsible for damages or theft from vehicles parked in our lot. We are not responsible for cars left in the parking area overnight. Cars left overnight may be towed the following day at the owner's expense.

1.4 Pets

Sorry, pets are not allowed on the premises. Service Animals are permitted access to all facilities and programs if they are trained and required to be there to assist a person with a disability.

1.5 Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on the field of play by umpires, managers or players.

Section Two – General League Rules

2.1 Manager's Responsibility

Managers are the primary link between their players and the Canton Sports Center management. It is the manager's responsibility to attend the managers meetings and to obtain and read all information and rules regarding league play and to make this information available

to his/her players. Manager's must inform our office of changes in his/her address or telephone number. Managers must insure that all players read and sign the team roster before playing and ascertain the eligibility of each player signing the roster. Managers as well as players are responsible for their behavior while at the Canton Sports Center. This includes behavior on and off the field, in the restaurant or the parking lot. Managers and players, please be aware, if your behavior is deemed unsafe, dangerous or unsportsmanlike, it will affect your playing eligibility. We feel that we have a responsibility to other players as well as non-playing visitors to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere and hope you as valued patrons can help us in this effort.

2.2 Player Conduct

Players are responsible for their behavior while at the Canton Sports Center. This includes behavior on and off the field, Kicker's All Star Grill and the parking lot. There will be zero tolerance towards players who use inappropriate language, verbal abuse, and any conduct that is deemed to be unsportsmanlike. The Canton Township Code of Conduct is in the manager's packet.

Score sheets will feature Team Sportsmanship Ratings. Managers are responsible for filling out their opponent's sportsmanship rating after each game.

2.3 Rosters (NEW)

The roster consists of a maximum of 20 active players who have completed the eligibility and release form (online). All players must have filled out the electronic individual player waiver in order to be eligible to play. Our office will create the FINAL official roster from the electronic forms. Teams will not be permitted to play until all players are listed on the valid roster is complete and are subject to forfeiting games. Players can be added by filling out the electronic form. All rosters are final by your 3rd week of league play (or 6th game) this means even if you don't have twenty players listed; your roster is frozen for that session. Only in the case of an injured player may a person be substituted on the official roster throughout the regular season. In order to replace the injured player with another, a written document from the injured player's doctor must be turned in to our office. NO additions can be made once playoff games have begun. Any protest made against a team without a roster on file at the office will result in the protest being upheld. In summation, all players must fill out an online eligibility waiver before playing in any league. The front office will compose a roster for your team with the submitted waivers. USSSA Major Players are not permitted in Rec Leagues.

* Legal names MUST be used on the individual waiver forms.

* DO NOT use nicknames or abbreviations on score sheets. Please use proper name only.

2.4 Payments

The Canton Sports Center accepts cash, checks, MasterCard or Visa as payment for fees. Please make all checks payable to Canton Township. Please include on all checks your phone number, current address, and driver's license number. If the bank returns any team checks, your team manager is responsible to repay balance and bank service fees before your next scheduled game with cash or a cashier's check. You are responsible to cover any checks provided to us by a sponsor. Your team is responsible for umpire fees of \$15.00 per game payable at game time.

2.5 Injuries – Continued Participation

Any player, substitute, manager, team member or umpire who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered. If treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is umpire judgment. If excessive time is involved, the re-entry rule would apply to players. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform or if a bandage becomes blood soaked, in the judgment of the umpire, the uniform/bandage must be changed before the individual may participate.

Any player, substitute, manager, team member, umpire or spectator that sustains a hit to the head with a softball or bat **must** be examined by Canton Public Safety.

2.6 Scoring

The home team is responsible for keeping the official score sheet. If, for any reason the home team is unable to do so, the umpire must be notified so that another scorer can be designated. Teams may flip flop during innings and keep score for their own team if both teams agree to it. It is both managers' obligation to confirm that the score is correct before each half inning starts and that the final score is also correct. Please also review your copy and make sure all of the information is correct and readable before you leave your diamond. Incorrect or unreadable score sheets result in incorrect standings! Be sure the final score is written clearly at the bottom of the score sheet and that the correct scores are listed under the correct teams! The home team is on the right side of the score sheet, visitor on the left side.

** DO NOT use nicknames or abbreviations on score sheets. Please use proper name only.*

2.7 Standings

All standings will be posted outside the Sports Center Office and available online on the Manageyourleague website. All game scores will be recorded and a team will receive a [7-0] win as a result of a forfeit or default. Final league standings will be based on total wins, head to head, and total runs given up throughout the season. **In the case of a 1st place tie based on total wins only, final standings are based upon the team's head to head record, if a tie is not broken by the head to head games, a single game championship will be played.** A player must have competed in a minimum of four games (M-Th& Sun Leagues) to be eligible for any playoff game and a minimum of two games for Friday Leagues. The playoff game will be played prior to the scheduled playoff dates at the Canton Sports Center's first available slot.

2.9 Insurance

Players, managers, coaches and spectators may not be protected by their own private medical or liability insurance while on Canton Sports Center property. Therefore all participants and spectators are encouraged to purchase insurance independently or through the USSSA team insurance plan. Insurance information is available in the manager's packet. Canton Sports Center does not cover individual players under its insurance policies.

2.10 Official Electronic Individual Waiver and Team Roster

To participate in league or tournament play at the Canton Sports Center, all players, managers, and coaches must agree to the following team contract. In addition, any injured player who remains in a game despite being injured assumes all liability for any additional injury or damage that may result. The following release appears on the Canton Sports Center Official electronic Release of Liability Waiver Form and agreement of such is a condition of generating Canton Sports Center Official Team Roster, and Release of Liability Waiver Form for participation at Canton Sports Center.

"I do hereby acknowledge, agree and understand that:

1. *I am 18 years or older and voluntarily and of my own free will elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league as indicated at the Canton Sports Center.*

2. *Playing softball is hazardous and may result in injury.*

3. *Sliding is dangerous to me and other players. I will slide at my own risk.*

4. *Other aspects of softball are dangerous and may result in injury. I will observe all fences, barriers and obstructions prior to the game.*

5. *Metal spikes are prohibited.*

6. *I will not fake tag players. I will not crash into other players. I will not throw my bat and/or equipment or conduct myself in a hazardous manner.*

Further in consideration for the right to play softball at Canton Sports Center, I agree by signing the Canton Sports Center Official Team Roster, Players Contract and Release of Liability Waiver:

1. *I assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered while on the premises of Canton Softball Center.*

2. *I hereby release, hold harmless, and agree not to sue the Charter Township of Canton, its officers, all parties involved, servants, associations, employees, USSSA, advertisers or sponsors for any claims, loss, damage or injury sustained while on the premises of Canton Softball Center whether caused by its negligence or otherwise.*

3. *I am aware and understand that copies of the Canton Sports Center rules and regulations were furnished to each team's manager at the start of the season and that copies are available in the softball office. I also understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read, understand, and abide by these rules."*

Section Three – Schedules, Make-ups, Forfeits and Rainouts

3.1 Scheduling

Your first game time will be available on day of registration. Final league schedules are available the **first night** of league play on Manage Your League. It is the manager's responsibility to lookup the league schedule, verify all scheduled games and inform players regarding game times. League schedules may include single, doubleheader, and in special circumstances, tripleheader games. A nightly schedule will also be posted outside of the office each night. You can utilize Manage Your League for the most up to date schedules. To be fair to all teams, we do not honor any special requests for league schedules but will help with teams situations when they come up in advance.

3.2 Make-Up Games

If league games have to be re-scheduled due to a rainout, or any other circumstance, new schedules will be available on Manage Your League within 48 hours of the cancellation. Make-

up games may be rescheduled on any day of the week.

It is the manager's responsibility to inform his/her players of make-up games. If a team drops from your league early in the season, the Canton Sports Center staff will make every attempt to reschedule the rest of the season's games involving the dropped opponent.

3.3 Forfeits

After a team forfeits their 2nd game they will be removed from the league for that season unless they pay an additional \$30.00 within 48 hours of their 2nd forfeit. Paying this \$30.00 is the only way a team will be able to stay in the league.

3.4 Rainouts/Field Condition Information (NEW)

Any information regarding rainouts, delays, etc. will be put on our field condition number (734) 483-2913. It is wise to have your players call the field condition number before every game for current information, even when weather is not threatening, as other events may affect game schedules. Please do not call the business office for field conditions. All evening games will have their first update at 4:00 p.m. for that particular night, with periodic updates as needed. Sunday leagues will have an update by Noon on their scheduled day.

New – Rained Out Text – Players may now sign up to receive a text message for field updates and rain outs. Simply follow these steps to sign up.

- 1 – Go to Rainedout.com
- 2 – Search – Canton Sports Center
- 3 – Select – Softball Leagues
- 4 – Enter phone number and select the nights you play on

Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) – Will be updated with rain out info as well.

Section Four – Playing Rules

4.1 Official Game

The USSSA 3-2 COUNT RULING will be in effect. A batter will be allowed 3 balls and 2 strikes. A regulation game is 7 innings. League games, in the event of inclement weather, are official after 3 ½ completed innings if the home team is ahead at the time. If the game is called prior to an official game (3 ½ innings) the league coordinator will schedule make-ups based on games left in the season of tie-breaker results. If incomplete games are made up at a later date, all games will start over with a new 1st inning and possible new roster, umpire, etc. If the team at bat is losing and ties at the time of the cancellation and the game is later than the fourth inning, the game will revert back to the last complete inning. NOTE MANAGERS: There is a difference between a "DELAY" and a "CANCELLATION." It is your responsibility to know which decision has been made by the Umpire-in-Chief; ASK! In the event of a DELAY, please keep your players together and be ready to resume play at a moment's notice. If games are delayed, restart information will be announced over the PA system in the restaurant and/or available in the business office for MANAGERS. We ask that ONLY MANAGERS should be in the office requesting information about GAME DELAYS. It should be NOTED that umpires do not cancel games, only the Umpire-in-Chief or Sports Center Management may cancel a game. PLAYERS

cannot be sent home by their managers unless the games are officially canceled!

4.2 Game Time

Game time is forfeit time. Team managers may choose to give the opponent a maximum of 10 minutes to field a team. When this game starts it will be official and time waived will be deducted from the 1 hr. 10 minute time limit rule. This rule is applicable to the first game time only (6:20 Monday-Friday, 5:30-Sunday). A team (except Co-Ed teams; refer to section 6.1) must start with a minimum of seven (7) players at game time. A team may add an 8th, 9th or 10th (no A.H.) player at any time to the bottom of the line-up when play is dead. If one team does not have the minimum number of players at game time, the opposing team may, as a courtesy, agree to wait for more players to show up. Time will still start at scheduled game time and the time delayed will be deducted from the scheduled time.

Exceptions: If the entire team is completing a game on another field; the umpire may delay the game. If a team loses a player(s) for any reason and cannot fill the vacancy(s), the vacancy(s) becomes an automatic out(s). The vacancy(s) may be refilled at any time. **Exception:** When an umpire deems that a player may not continue due to application of the Continued Participation Rule (see 2.5), the vacancy(s) will be passed without penalty. ***We reserve the right to modify this rule at any time during the season.***

4.3 Time Limit

No new inning shall be started after one hour and ten minutes from the start of the game. The inning must be completed unless both teams agree to terminate the game at any time. It is not mandatory for an umpire to notify teams as to the amount of time remaining to play in a game.

In the event of a tie game after the 7th inning, teams may play extra innings. However, no new inning may be started with less than 5 minutes in the time limit.

4.4 Mercy Rule

A 20 run mercy rule will be in effect after 3 ½ innings for all league games unless otherwise notified. A 15 run mercy rule will be in effect after 4 ½ innings. A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect after 5 ½ innings.

4.5 Pitching

Pitching arc is **three feet to ten feet**. The ball must be pitched underhand at a slow speed with a minimum arc of three (3) feet before it crosses any part of home plate. The pitched ball may not rise any higher than ten (10) feet above the ground. The speed and the height of the ball are left entirely to the judgment of the umpire. The umpire shall warn a pitcher who delivers a pitch with excessive speed. Repeating such an offense will cause the pitchers removal from the pitching position for the remainder of the game. A pitch that does not arc the full three feet, as required, may not be an excessive speed pitch! The pitched ball must be released within five seconds from the time the pitcher has the ball and the batter has taken their position in the batter's box. Once the pitcher begins the delivery motion, the batter may not request time out. The pitcher may pitch from the Pitching Plate or from the Pitching Area, an area the width of the Plate and up to six (6) feet behind the Pitcher's Plate.

4.6 Home Run Limits (NEW)

*Men's D Comp: 4

*Men's D: 3

*Men's D Rec: 2

*Men's E: 0

*CoEd: 3

*CoEd Rec: 2

*Men's 40+: 2

** Any homerun after the allowed amount will result in an inning ending out.*

** Teams are responsible for retrieving their own home run balls hit over the fence and returning them to the umpire before the end of the inning!*

4.7 Foul Ball Rule

The foul ball rule is as follows: The batter is out if the batter hits two foul balls after one strike. If the second foul ball after one strike is caught, **base runners may not advance.**

4.8 Additional Hitter

This rule is optional and applicable to only Men's Leagues! A team may insert ADDITIONAL HITTERS (One or Two) into the line-up before the start of the game. The batting order must remain constant; however any 10 of the 11 or 12 players may take a defensive position throughout the game. Failure to declare an A.H. prior to the game precludes the use of the A.H. for that game. If the A.H. is appealed, and not officially in the game, this results in EJECTION of that player. No previous at bats will be penalized. The A.H. is part of the re-entry rule and may re-enter once.

4.9 Re-Entry Rule

Any of the **starting** players (including any additional hitters) may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever returns. A substitute who has withdrawn may not re-enter! All re-entries by any starter must be reported to the umpire and the official scorer. There is no penalty for unannounced proper re-entry. **Illegal re-entry results in the original player as well as the substitute player being ejected from the game.**

4.10 Courtesy Runner

If a manager requests a courtesy runner, the opposing manager has the option to grant or deny it on each occasion. If granted, the person who made the last out will be the runner. In Co-Ed, the runner must be of the same sex. **Please remember, that this is a "courtesy" granted by the opposing team.**

4.11 Substitution

All substitutes should, as a courtesy, report to the umpire and the opposing team before such player enters a game. There is no penalty for unannounced substitution.

Section Five – Protest, Eligibility Protest, and Ejections

5.1 Protest

Umpire judgment calls are not subject to protest!! Umpire will discuss disputes on the field with the MANAGER ONLY. Players are not to question an umpire's call or ruling. Only when there is a difference of opinion between the protesting team and the umpire regarding the application or interpretation of a specific playing rule, may a protest be lodged. The protest must be made to the umpire BEFORE the next pitch or the protest is invalid. In the event of a protest, the game shall be halted to note all of the specifics (team offended, situation, exact rule protested and any other important information.) After all notations are made, the game shall continue. At completion of the game, the protesting manager will bring his copy of the score sheet to the office and inform the office manager of the protest. At that time, the team manager will post a \$20 protest fee for investigation of the protest. Upon posting of the fee the Umpire-in-Chief will review the protest and make a decision. If the protest is upheld, a date will be selected by the office to continue that game from the POINT OF PROTEST. In instances where teams advance to another game that evening (playoffs/tournaments etc.) the game shall be halted at point of protest and shall continue until a decision has been reached.

WHEN A PROTEST IS UPHOLD, the \$20 PROTEST FEE IS RETURNED TO THE TEAM;
WHEN A PROTEST IS DENIED, THE FEE WILL BE FORFEITED.

5.2 Eligibility Protest

No protest will be accepted after the final out of the game. Any eligibility protest must be brought to the attention of the umpire before the game ends. At notification of protest, the umpire will circle and note the protested players name and sign the score sheet along with the protested player. It is the protested manager and player's responsibility to appear at the office immediately following the game with a copy of the score sheet. The protesting team must post a \$20 protest fee for each player being protested. If a protested player fails to appear after a game, his team will be charged with a forfeit. Players are responsible for having PROPER PICTURE IDENTIFICATION (Drivers License, etc.) in their possession while playing at the Canton Sports Center. All Players must be on the team roster with a valid signature.

5.3 Ejections

Fake tags, bat throwing, crashing, unsportsmanlike conduct (on or off the field), use of vulgar language, and alcohol in the dugout or cigarettes on the field of play, may result in ejection from the game. If ejected from the game, that player may be suspended from future games. The Umpire-in-Chief and Sports Center staff will determine all player and/or team penalties.

Note: There will NOT be a mandatory warning given to the team before each game. Managers, this is your warning!!! Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans, and are subject to suspension for failure to maintain these responsibilities. If you are ejected for **touching, striking or punching an umpire, opponent, teammate or CSC staff there will be an immediate suspension with the assurance that other actions will be taken through the Public Safety Department as deemed necessary.** Teams ejected from the complex for any reason will not be eligible for a refund! The circumstances of their ejection will be reported to the USSSA Michigan & National offices.

Section Six – Coed Rules

6.1 Coed Rules

Batting Order: Co-Ed teams may have any combination of male and female players listed on their roster. Teams must start with a minimum of eight players which requires 4 males & 4 females. Once an 8 team roster is established, a 9th player may be added with the 10th spot being an out. The 9th player addition may be male or female. A team may start with a maximum of 12 players which requires 6 males and 6 females. Once the game begins, the addition of an 11th or 12th player is not allowed. If team starts with less than 10 players, they may add players, up to 10, throughout the game. Male and female players must alternate in the batting order. There are no distance restrictions to the fielding positions of any players. Also there are no restrictions as to the rotation of fielders.

Balls: A USSSA licensed 12" mid-compression softball will be used will used.

Base on Balls: When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter in the line-up having the option to walk or to bat.

Other Co-Ed Rules: All playing rules not specifically covered in the above rules shall be governed by Canton Sports Center Rules and Regulations and USSSA rules.

THE OFFICIAL DIAMONDS:

A. 70 foot baselines shall be used in all adult programs. Exception: Special playing rules may be adopted by the USSSA Board of Directors in selected Men's Major and "A" events. Example: To figure the distance from home plate to 2nd base for 70 foot bases you multiply $70 \times 70 \times 2$ which equals 9800 and then the square root of 9800 which equals 98.99 or 98 feet 11 inches.

B. Pitcher's distances of 50 feet for both men and women along with a pitching area the width of the pitcher's plate up to six (6) feet behind the back edge of the pitcher's plate.

THE BASES: other than the home plate shall be 15 inches square and not more than 3 inches high. They shall be made of canvas bags, plastic or other suitable materials filled with soft padding. They shall be WHITE, RED or ORANGE in color. All BASES must be securely fastened at their designated places.

LEGALLY ADOPTED GLOVES: May be worn by any fielder.

A. Catchers and first basemen may wear a glove or mitt of any size; all other players are restricted to a finger type glove with the space between the thumb and forefinger not exceeding more than 4-1/2 inches at the top. The webbing shall not be constructed to form any type net or tray.

B. Multicolored gloves are legal.

A SHOE: shall be considered legal if it is made with either leather or canvas uppers or similar materials. The soles may have soft or hard rubber cleats. Metal cleats are prohibited. Shoe sole or heel projections other than the standard shoe plate are prohibited. The all-purpose molded cleat softball shoe is legal. All players must wear shoes.

Catchers may wear MASKS:

EFFECT Sec. 9 **TO PREVENT INJURY** it is strongly recommended that all protective equipment be worn.

BASE PATH: refers to an imaginary line 3 feet to either side of a direct line between two bases. The runner is restricted to the 3 foot line in some cases

Section Seven – Equipment

7.1 Bats, Warm-up Bats, Shoes & Glove

Bats: Bats must be USSSA approved and require the USSSA stamp. USSSA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA licensed manufacturer. All bats must have the below USSSA logo in order to be approved for our leagues.



Please follow the Michigan and National rules at the USSSA websites for details.

Bats will be requested for testing when:

Any batted ball that is hit up the middle that makes contact with the pitcher qualifies for immediate removal of the bat used. Competitive leagues will use the expanded pitching area of 3' on both sides of the mound as the bat safety zone. The bat will then be subject to testing for USSSA compliance. Recreational leagues will use the reaction of the Pitcher and regulation pitching rubber as the testing qualifier. If the bat is found to be altered or illegal a punishment can include a ban from all USSSA leagues, tournaments, etc. for both the bat owner and the player who hit the ball.

C. Any time a USSSA Umpire or Director asks to test a bat for any reason.

14. Bat compression test

Anyone can have their bat tested at any time Monday-Friday 4:00pm to 9:00pm and all day Saturday and Sunday to see if it is in compliance with USSSA compression standards. There is no risk of suspension but if the bat fails it will be recorded into the database by taking a picture and recording the serial number. You will then be warned never to use it in any USSSA play again. If the bat is ever sent in for testing or has ever hit a pitcher the owner/user will be suspended for an automatic 2 years with no appeal

Penalties of a NON-Conforming bat:

A. The owner/user of the bat will be asked to relinquish the bat for testing. If the owner/user refuses, he will receive an automatic TWO-YEAR suspension from USSSA tournaments and leagues with no right to appeal.

B. If the owner/user agrees for it to be tested, it will be sent into the office for the compression test.

C. If the bat passes, it will be logged as hit up the middle and returned to the player. If this player hits another ball up the middle that qualifies for compression testing, with the logged

passed bat it will be an inning ending out. If this happens again on the same night that player would be ejected for the night and possibly face more suspensions.

D. If the bat fails **SLIGHTLY**, it will be held until the owner/user participation in a tournament or league game (s) is over, and then returned. However, the bat will have the serial number recorded. The owner/user will be warned never to use it again in any USSSA play. If the owner/user is found to use said bat and is caught in either league or any USSSA play you will receive an automatic (2) two-year suspension.

E. If a **player is injured with an un-defendable batted ball and the bat fails SIGNIFICANTLY**, the owner/user will be out of the game, you will be required to give up the bat to be sent out to the manufacture for testing and you will be subject to suspension, length of time determined by Canton Sports Center management. You will also be subject a two (2) two-year suspension from all USSSA play.

F. Any Player that touches a bat that injures a player is automatically removed from the game. (Only an Umpire can touch the bat)

G. If the bat that injures a player makes its way to the bat owner's dug-out, team will forfeit the game.

Warm-up Bats: No donuts, lead bars, or fins are allowed. Warm-up with bats are only allowed in the on deck area. No swinging of bats allowed outside of the playing area.

Shoes: No Metal spikes are allowed! Shoes must be worn by everyone on the playing field and dugout.

Gloves: All players must wear a glove. Catchers and first basemen may wear a first basemen's glove.

7.2 Uniforms

Shirts must be worn while at CSC. Teams are encouraged to wear jerseys, however it is not mandatory.

7.3 Game Ball

Each game is given one new ball and a back-up ball before each game.

Section Eight – Playoffs & Awards

8.1 Playoffs

All teams are eligible to compete in the playoffs. Team Managers will be issued a "Playoff Card" the week prior to the last night of league play. **This card must be turned into our office by the designated date to compete in the playoffs. Failure to do so will result in the team missing the playoffs.** Playoff brackets will be formed once all league play has concluded.

8.2 League Awards

Team and Individual Awards are issued for 1st place. Fifteen individual awards per team. League Team award for 2nd place. Playoff Winner Awards.



CantonSportsCenter Player Code of Conduct for Adult Softball Leagues

CantonSportsCenter has adopted the following Player Code of Conduct. These rules will be strictly enforced. Participation in the Adult Sports Program is a privilege and it should be treated as such.

Disciplinary Policy

In our effort to provide fun, safe, and fair competition and quality league play. Our Department has adopted the following disciplinary policies. Each manager/coach should be familiar with the procedures as they will be accountable for informing their team of the rules. Any questions regarding league rules should be addressed prior to the start of the season. Disciplinary problems that occur before, during or after league play involving any coach, manager or player will be addressed immediately and handled in the following manner:

- A. Game officials have complete authority over the game and the players.
- B. Managers (actual or acting) of any ejected player will be notified by the plate umpire that the ejected person has two minutes to leave the playing area. The player must leave the quad and areas immediately surrounding the playing area. The ejected player **must** contact CantonSportsCenter staff that evening, either in person or by phone.
- C. Some offenses will carry with them both individual, as well as team punishments.
- D. The following penalties will be in effect:

Offense Category #1 – Ejection and up to Two Week Suspension**

- **Profanity**
- **Inappropriate Gestures**
- **Excessive Arguing or Poor Sportsmanship**
- **Any flagrant breach of the Field Conduct Rules**
- **Violation of Alcohol Policies** (i.e., alcohol within the dugout area or bringing in outside alcohol)
- **Incomplete Roster / Illegal Participation**
- **In-game use of a failed bat per compression test**
- **Any other behavior determined inappropriate by an official or the League Director**

Offense Category #2 – Ejection and up to Four Week Suspension**

- **Verbal/Physical Threats to an official or player**
- **Any 2nd Offense from Category #1**
- **Any other behavior determined inappropriate by an official or the League Director**

Offense Category #3 – Ejection and up to One Year Expulsion from Canton SportsCenter**

- **Any 2nd Offense from Category #2**
- **Any 3rd Offense from Category #1**
- **Consuming Drugs**
- **Falsifying roster information**
- **Physically Touching a Player in an aggressive manner (Push, poke, bump, hit, etc.)**
- **Swinging at, striking or fighting with another individual**
- **Any action that endangers the safety of any player, coach, official or bystander**

Offense Category #4 – Ejection and up to Lifetime Ban from Canton Sports Center**

- **Physically Touching an Official in an aggressive manner (Push, poke, bump, hit, etc.)**
- **Use of an altered or illegal bat; resulting in an injury to a player, coach, official or bystander**

Note: All players should be aware that in any circumstance deemed necessary, CantonSportsCenter staff will contact Canton Public Safety. This may result in prosecution, fines, and other legal ramifications including arrest and incarceration.

** All suspensions or expulsions are applicable to the entire facility. A player that has been suspended or expelled from any given night may not participate in other leagues, tournaments or sanctioned activities until the disciplinary period ends.

- E. All offenses require written acknowledgement to be signed by a Canton Sports Center Staff Member as well as the player. League Director will make final decision regarding punishment within 2 business day of the incident.
- F. If a player chooses to appeal the League Director's decision, the following is required:
 - \$25 Fee (Refundable if the decision is in favor of the player)
 - Player's written account of the incident
 - Two written eyewitness accounts of the incident – one from a teammate and one from an opponent
 - The fee and reports must be filed with the League Director within 2 business days of the final decision.
- G. The player will be suspended from **all play** during the appeal process.
- H. A final decision will be reached by the League Director with due process.

Special Notes – Appeals Policy

- A. Any player being placed on probation and reported again for violation of the Player Code of Conduct will be suspended for a period of time as determined by the Canton Sports Center Staff and League Director.
- B. Any player removed from a game must leave the playing area immediately. Failure to do so will cause the game to be forfeited and carry a minimal penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.
- C. Any individual or team that is suspended will have the right to appeal. The individual/team must follow the guidelines set forth in **Part E of the Player Code of Conduct**. There upon an appointment will be setup with the Facility Supervisor and League Director or designee for review. Players/teams notified of reprimand will remain suspended from participation in all leagues until the appeal is finalized. If the suspension is for duration of one week or less (suspension of greater than one week due to a team having a bye or holiday are considered a one week suspension) individuals are allowed to request an appeal process only. This request is to be communication via written correspondence only. A representative of the appeal committee will review the written request and determine if an appeal is warranted. If the committee representative feels that an appeal meeting is warranted, the suspension will be delayed until an appeal decision is heard. It is the player/team's responsibility to appeal in a timely manner (2 business days). Requests for an appeal will be reviewed if submitted to the League Director within two (2) business days after the incident. Individuals/teams waiting longer than two (2) business days before appealing will be denied an appeal request, due to time constraints. Any individual who violates the suspension prior to written confirmation and who claim ignorance of the rules may receive harsher punishments of up to and including permanent suspension. All players are responsible to be aware and abide by all policies. Appeals should include a primary contact phone number. Appeal meetings will be scheduled during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.



Canton Township Code of Conduct

The Charter Township of Canton strives to provide premier facilities, programs and services so that community members have the opportunity to participate in the highest quality of diversified fitness, recreation, social and educational opportunities. Guests and participants are entitled to responsive service in a welcoming, safe and enjoyable atmosphere. At the same time, Canton Leisure Services expects a reasonable and proper behavior from those who visit the facilities and attend programs.

To meet this goal Canton Leisure Services has established this code of conduct. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people.

A. Zero Tolerance

A zero tolerance stance will be taken as it relates to criminal behavior.

B. Guidelines

1. Individuals will be advised of their inappropriate behavior or action. If behavior continues the individual may be asked to leave the premises and is subject to suspension. If behavior is severe or potentially life threatening, the individual will not receive a warning and shall be subject to an immediate one year suspension from the facility or program with no refund of any fees paid. Canton Leisure Services also reserves the right to confiscate annual/daily passes or program registration of anyone whose behavior creates a disturbance for others or for repeated behavioral offenses.
2. If the offending individual is a minor (under the age of 18) the parent/guardian will be contacted for removal from facility or program and suspension.

C. Refusal of Admission

Canton Leisure Services reserves the right to deny admission or service to anyone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or in violation of any facility/program rules and regulations.

D. Discretionary Rights

Canton Leisure Services Management reserves the right to make discretionary adjustments to misconduct penalties depending upon the circumstances.

E. Appeals

Individuals may appeal the suspension within two days of notice of the written dated suspension and per the Suspension Review Policy.

EXAMPLES OF MISCONDUCT AND RESULTING ACTION

(NOTE: This list is intended to be used for example only is not all inclusive and subject to discretionary adjustments.)

EXAMPLE MISCONDUCT

POSSIBLE RESULTING ACTION

Discharge Of Fire Extinguisher
False Fire Alarm

Up to one year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of ticket and trespass notice), financial restitution to recharge or replace extinguisher and to repair any damage to facility.

Punching, Hitting, Fighting,
Assault and Battery

Minimum of one year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice).

Vandalism

One year suspension from facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of tickets and trespass notice) financial restitution to repair damage to facility, equipment or grounds.

Verbal Abuse
Insubordination Towards A Staff Member

Up to one year suspension from the facility, contact of legal authority (issuance of tickets and trespass notice).

Smoking

Immediate daily suspension from the facility, contact of legal authority if a minor.

Loitering

Contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice).

Possession, Sale, Or Distribution
Of A Controlled Substance

Contact of legal authority (issuance of trespass notice, legal action) permanent suspension from facility.

Unauthorized Entry

Contact of legal authority (issue of trespass notice, legal action) possible suspension from facility.

Unauthorized use of recording device.

Contact of legal authority (issue of trespass notice, legal action) suspension from facility.

F. Suspension Policy and Review Procedure

Violation of the Leisure Services Code of Conduct may result in a suspension from a Leisure Services facility/program. The suspended individual shall receive a written notice of suspension citing the reason for suspension and a trespass notice. If the individual visits the property/program during the notice, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

The suspended person (or their guardian) shall have the right to an appeal via telephone or scheduled meeting within two business days of the date of the suspension notice. The appeal shall be made to the applicable management representative. If the appeal is denied, then the appeal process shall continue to the next management level within two business days of each denial in the following order:

- a. Full Time Supervisory Staff Member issuing the suspension
- b. Applicable Division Supervisor
- c. Applicable Division Manager
- d. Leisure Services Director

Failure to request an appeal within the specified time will terminate the appeal process. If the suspension is upheld through this appeal process, the individual may request a hearing before the Suspension Review Board as a final resort as follows:

Suspension Review Board Procedure

1. Suspended individual (or their guardian) shall submit a written request for review within seven business days from the Leisure Services Directors decision.
2. A meeting with the Review Board shall be scheduled within five business days of the receipt of the request. The Review Board shall consist of any three citizen members from the Leisure Services Advisory Committee with any one member presiding as chairperson.
3. Leisure Services staff shall provide a copy of all reports, data, and documents surrounding the incident and verbally present the facts in support of the suspension.
4. The suspended individual (or their guardian) shall have the right to present facts in opposition to the suspension.
5. The Review Board shall review all information and announce their decision within two business days.
6. Review Board may decide to:
Uphold the original suspension
Uphold the suspension with a modification
1.3.3 Overturn the suspension
7. All decisions of the Review Board are final.
8. The suspension shall remain in effect pending the appeal and review board process. The suspended individual may not visit the Canton Leisure Services facility/program from which they were suspended.