

# DELTA TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION CODE-OF-CONDUCT

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**I.** All participants in adult team recreation programs agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and by individual program by-laws.

**II.** This department is a member of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and agrees to abide by M.R.P.A. rules which are on file at this department's office.

## **III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

**A.** All participants in adult team activities must be at least 16 years of age. It is the responsibility of high school age students to assure that their high school athletic eligibility is not effected by participation in Delta Township programs.

**B.** Proof of identification and/or proof of residency may be required to verify eligibility and appropriate player fee.

**C.** To protest player eligibility, protestor must, in writing, identify the player in question and state why said player is believed to be ineligible. This written statement must be filed with the office of the Parks and Recreation Department who will investigate the eligibility question. This statement must be accompanied by a \$20.00 protest fee. If the protest is upheld the \$20.00 fee will be returned. If the player is found to be eligible, the protest will not be allowed and the \$20.00 will be put into the recreation fund. A protest on player eligibility should be initiated during the game in which the player in question is participating.

**D.** The Director and Recreation Specialist may rule on player eligibility without formal protest as well and shall have the final administrative word regarding participation.

## **IV. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

**A.** All player registrations must be made at this department's office, during office hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), **PRIOR** to being allowed to participate. Player registrations may also be mailed in, but must be post marked no later than the day prior to participation. Use of the Drop Box for individual or team registration is prohibited.

**B.** All player registrations must be made before deadlines as specified in the individual program by-laws.

**C.** A player may change teams once, and only once, during a sport season. Changes must be made before the by-law deadlines. A player desiring to change teams must secure a release form from this department. A \$10.00 administrative fee must be paid at the time the transfer is made.

**D.** There shall be no individual player fee refunds once league play has begun. Individual player fees are non-transferable once league play has begun.

## **V. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

**A.** Any participant who falsifies player contract information, participates under an assumed name or participates without first properly registering shall be suspended for a minimum of three league contests.

**1.** All games that such an individual participated in shall be declared forfeit.

## **V. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES - CONTINUED**

**2.** Any team using such a player will be ineligible for a league title and/or trophies.

**3.** The manager of a team using such a player shall be suspended for a minimum of one league contest.

**B.** Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game for conduct unbecoming an athlete shall be suspended for one game. That individual will be automatically ineligible for his or her team's next game. (Some individual program by-laws may be more stringent and supercede this guideline).

**C.** Any player, coach or manager who is suspended for any reason will be on probation when reinstated. Probation will last for one calendar year.

**D.** The first suspendable offense committed while on probation will carry a minimum of one additional game beyond the penalty normally issued according to program by-laws.

**E.** A second suspendable offense committed while on probation is cause for a minimum of one calendar year suspension from all department sponsored team activities.

**F.** Any player, coach or manager will be entitled to a hearing of the department's decision when being placed on suspension or probation other than stated in item V.B. above. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and submitted to the department's office within fifteen days of notice of suspension or probation. The hearing will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Delta Township Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission. This Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room B of the Delta Township Administration Building.

**G.** This department may rule that a player, coach or manager receive disciplinary action other than stated herein.

## **VI. ALCOHOL/DRUGS**

**A.** Alcoholic beverages are permitted in Delta Township Parks by permit only. Alcoholic beverage permits may be obtained, free of charge, from the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department office. These permits must be picked up in person. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the playing area including the team benches.

**B.** Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on the premises for any activity sponsored by this department on Grand Ledge, Lansing or Waverly Public School property.

**C.** Drugs are not permitted on park or school property.

**D.** Any participant partaking in alcohol or drugs during competition shall be immediately ejected from the game.

**VII.** All program participants must recognize that there is opportunity for personal injury in any team sport activity. All program participants should carry some form of accident benefit plan. The Delta Township Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department is in no way responsible for expense incurred because of injury to a program participant.