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SCSL Sanctions Policy

As voluntary members of Steel City Softball League, members agree to conduct themselves responsibly and consistently in the spirit of good sportsmanship and supportive community, as laid out in the Code of Conduct. This obligation extends to all league sponsored meetings, events, games, and tournaments in which the member is a representative of the league. This includes any “off the field” conduct at the fields during league games.

Members will be held accountable to the Code of Conduct using the following broad degrees of enforcement action, which are not mutually exclusive and are implemented based on evaluation of circumstances by the Executive Board - provided examples should be treated as enforcement guidance for similar occurrences rather than explicitly prescriptive:

1. | Suspension from future games
 - a. | Non-exhaustive examples of suspension offenses: flagrant disrespect or verbal abuse of an umpire, threats of physical violence, unsportsmanlike conduct, violation of league rules related to substance use (first offense), bullying, unnecessary roughness on the field, consistent failure to observe safety rules
 - b. | Suspension offenses for coaches, managers, and board members may at Executive Board discretion include a requirement to abdicate those responsibilities for the remainder of the season/term
 - c. | Standard suspension term is two (2) games
2. | Expulsion from league membership and season of play:
 - a. | Non-exhaustive examples of expulsion offenses: acts of physical violence, violation of league rules related to substance use (second offense), bullying or unsportsmanlike conduct repeat offenders, bullying or unsportsmanlike conduct in flagrant cases disruptive to the fundamental safety or acceptance of league diversity

- b. | Expulsion offenses for coaches, managers, and board members always require the expelled member to abdicate those responsibilities for the remainder of the season/term.
- c. | Expelled members may not return in future seasons without making a written request to the Executive Board for evaluation
 - i. | Separate written request and separate approval are required for an expelled member to assume any leadership roles within the league (coach, manager, board member)
- 3. | Permanent expulsion from the league
 - a. | Non-exhaustive examples of permanent expulsion offenses: violation of league rules related to substance use (third offense), crimes against the league