

RULE 10.00 – SPORTSMANSHIP, EJECTIONS & SUSPENSIONS

General Statement: The matters of sportsmanship and unsportsmanlike conduct shall be taken extremely serious. The teams you compete against will exhibit an elevated and sometimes fierce level of competition. Managers (see comment below); coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators should exhibit good sportsmanship to ensure a positive impact in the development of the participants. Thus, it is paramount that managers, at all times, have absolute complete control of their coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators both on and off the field as well as in the grandstands.

Comment: Any reference to the term “**MANAGER**” in these rules is intended by definition (a person appointed by the team as the highest ranking on field team official to be responsible for the team’s actions on and off the field, to include the grandstands and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and the opposing team), to designate the highest ranking on field team official.

10.01 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators who exhibit abusive, vulgar, unbecoming or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be immediately ejected. Warnings shall not be issued for abusive, vulgar, unbecoming or unsportsmanlike conduct.

10.02 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators who exercise the use of profanity or abusive language, regardless to whom it is directed, shall be immediately ejected. Warnings shall not be issued for the use of profanity or abusive language.

10.03 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators who throw equipment shall be immediately ejected. Warnings shall not be issued for throwing equipment.

10.04 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors or spectators who leave their position in the field, on base, on the bench or in the dugout, dugout area or grandstands to participate in an altercation, fight or brawl shall be immediately ejected and local law enforcement shall be notified. Warnings shall not be issued for participating in an altercation, fight or brawl.

Rule 10.01 – 10.04 Comment: Violation of any article of Rule 10.01 – 10.04 may, if warranted, require a team to forfeit a game or games and / or be removed from the league / tournament.

10.05 When adult (18 years of age and older) coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors or spectators are ejected for any reason, the manager shall also be ejected for failure to maintain absolute complete control of coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors or spectators.

10.06 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors and spectators ejected from a game shall immediately remove themselves and all personal belongings from the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands to the parking area outside the venue and shall remain outside the venue for the remainder of the game ejected from plus one additional game. Under no circumstances shall ejected managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors or spectators return to the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands upon game completion. Ejected managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors and spectators returning to the vicinity of the playing field and / or grandstands upon game completion shall be treated as trespassers and local law enforcement shall be notified.

Rule 10.06 Comment: Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, sponsors, and spectators ejected from a league / tournament ending game (i.e.; elimination game, championship game), shall be required to forego their attendance at the team’s first game in their next sanctioned event.

10.07 Players ejected from a game shall immediately remove themselves and all personal belongings from the dugout and dugout area and shall be confined to the grandstands. An ejected player may remain in the grandstands as long as doing so is not a disturbance or disruption to the game. If warranted, an ejected player shall be removed from the grandstands to the parking area outside the venue and shall remain outside the venue for the remainder of the game.

10.08 Managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, players and other dugout personnel shall be confined to the dugout for the remainder of a game as an alternative to an ejection at the sole discretion of the Umpire(s).

Rule 10.08 Comment: For managers, confinement to the dugout is not applicable for violating Rule 10.05.

10.09 Certain actions of managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, parents, players, sponsors and spectators call for immediate suspension. Such acts include but are not limited to, a physical attack or the threat of a physical attack on an umpire, game official, tournament official or association director and / or officer. Knowingly competing with or against illegal or disbarred / suspended managers, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, players, sponsors and spectators. Participating in or permitting a fraud to be perpetuated. Competing under an assumed or altered (miss-spelled) name, and / or date of birth. Purposely utilizing false information to damage, harm, hurt, impair or mar Georgia USSSA Baseball.