



Since 2012

CONDUCT/ETHICS POLICY

***The Sun Belt College League conduct policy set forth is in accordance with
the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA)***

CODE OF ETHICS

Only the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct are expected of players, coaches and others associated with the game and the league.

1. It is the coaches' duty to be always in control of their players to prevent any unsportsmanlike act towards opponents, officials, or spectators.
2. Coaches are expected to comply wholeheartedly with the intent and spirit of the rules. The deliberate teaching of players who violate the rules is indefensible.
3. Coaches are required to teach and instruct their players to respect the dignity of the game, officials, opponents, and the team and league that they represent.
4. Coaches must confine their discussion with the game officials to the interpretations of the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
5. "Bench jockey" will not be permitted. Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, profane and obscene language toward opponents, umpires or spectators.
6. Coaches and players must refrain from any personal action that might arouse players or spectators to unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Coaches and players must expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards players and themselves.

COACH/PLAYER/UMPIRE RELATIONSHIP

Negative incidents provide a negative image of the Sun College League brand. The responsibility to ensure that image and brand of the league is upheld lies with the relationship of the coaches, players, umpires and league officials.

Professional discussion between coaches, players and umpires is permitted as it pertains to a question on any ruling. Any loud and unprofessional approach by a manager, coach, or player will not be recognized by any umpire or league official.

EJECTION AND POST PARTICIPATION EJECTION

The game officials have the authority to eject a player, coach, or team representative for misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct during or after the completion of a game.

The offending individual must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not permitted to have further communication with the teams or umpires. The ejected individual must go directly to the facility parking lot and must remain out of sight and sound for the remainder of the game. The ejected individual is NOT permitted to return to the field even after the game has been completed.

Umpires are required to file an ejection report to the league for review and if any further action may be required.

1. Upon review of the umpire report, the league will determine if further action (suspension) is required.
2. If a game is protested (before or after an ejection), regardless of the outcome of the protest, the ejection(s) shall be counted and any suspensions served, if applicable.
3. See Levels of Ejection and Action (Table 1)

VIDEO RECORDING

1. Video recording of games is permitted, but it must be clear that the video recording of games is not used as a “replay” when it comes to an umpire decision.
2. If a coach or player discusses or debates a call with an umpire and implies that the result is on video, the umpire will automatically eject the individual from the game.

TABLE 1 – LEVEL OF EJECTIONS/SUSPENSIONS

TYPE OFFENSE	OFFENDER	PENALTY FIRST OFFENSE	PENALTY SECOND OFFENSE	PENALTY THIRD OFFENSE
Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward umpire or opponent	Manager, coach, player	Ejection from the game plus one (1) game suspension.	Ejected from game plus three (3) game suspension	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Arguing balls, strikes, safe, out, fair, fall judgment calls toward the umpire	Manager, coach, player	Review by league to determine further action	Ejected from game plus two (2) game suspension	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Prolonged or continued arguing, offensive language, excessive expressions directed to an umpire or opponent	Any participant	Ejection from the game plus one (1) game suspension.	Ejected from game plus three (3) game suspension.	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Game misconduct removing team from the field refusing to continue	Manager	Ejection from the game plus two (2) game suspension.	Same as first offense	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Returning to the field of play after the game from being ejected	Any participant	Two (2) game suspension	Same as first offense	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Failure to leave out of sight and sound of the playing field, grandstands, after an ejection	Any participant	Three (3) game suspension.	Same as first offense	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.
Fighting	Any participant	Ejection from the game plus four (4) game suspension.	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.	
Leaving the dugout, bullpen at the time of potential altercation or fight	Player(s) or team personnel excluding coaches	Ejection from the game plus one (1) game suspension.	Ejection from the game plus three (3) game suspension	Same as the second offense.
Leaving position to participate in a fight	Any participant	Ejection from the game plus four (4) game suspension.	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.	
Physical abuse of participants or umpires	Any participant	Ejection plus four (4) game suspension	Terminated from the league for the remainder of the season including playoffs.	
Intentionally throwing at a batter	Pitcher, or pitcher and manager	Ejection plus four (4) game suspension. The manager is not ejected if no warning is issued. If a warning was issued the manager is ejected from the game and suspended for one (1) game.	Ejection plus eight (8) game suspension. The manager is not ejected if no warning is issued. If a warning has been given, the manager is ejected and suspended for one (1) game.	Ejection and terminate for the remainder of the season including playoffs. The manager is not ejected if no warning is issued. If a warning has been given the manager is ejected and suspended for one (1) game.
Verbal abuse/bench jockeying	Any participant or game personnel other than the manager	After a warning, the offender is ejected for that game plus one (1) game suspension.	When verbal abuse/bench jockeying continues, the manager is ejected (no suspension). All others ejection plus 1 game suspension.	Same as second penalty
Collison or Malicious Contact Rule	Player	Ejection from the game and one (1) game suspension.	Same as first penalty	Same as the first penalty.
Post participation ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct	Player, coaches, manager	Ejection from next scheduled game plus one (1) game suspension.	Ejected from next scheduled game plus three (3) game suspension	Ejection for the next game and terminated for the remainder of the season including playoffs.

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Possession of use of any foreign substance or moisture applied to the hand or fingers, or do anything to deface the ball	Pitcher	Ejection from the game plus four (4) game suspension.	Same as first penalty	Same as first penalty.
Tobacco Use	Any Participant	Ejected from game	Ejected from game plus one (1) game suspension	Same as second penalty

NOTE 1: The league may choose to implement additional penalties for misconduct.

NOTE 2: Suspension penalties, regardless of the number, shall be served during the offending team's next scheduled game(s). Post participation ejections and any applicable suspension penalties shall also be served during the offending team's next scheduled game(s).