



Softball Ontario Ejection Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the process of in-game ejections that occur at Softball Ontario Sanctioned events. The intent of this policy is to ensure consistency across all Member Association events, as well as to deter and combat the on-going abuse of officials.

Definitions:

Sanctioned Game: Any game that is sanctioned by Softball Ontario or any of its Member Associations (PWSA, OASA, ORSA, SPOA)

Member: Any team member listed on the official team roster, or lineup card (Player, Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Trainer)

Field Area: Any part of the field of play which includes but is not limited to the bench/dugout, stands, or surrounding fence area

Ejection: The act of any umpire ordering a player, official or any team member to leave the game and the grounds for acts of unsportsmanlike conduct or abuse for the remainder of the game.

(NOTE: The ejection of a Coach/Player for an illegal substitution/re-entry Rule 3.2.8 are not subject to this policy.)

Ejection Policy:

- a) Any member who is ejected from a sanctioned game, must serve a minimum suspension of (1) additional game, regardless of when the infraction occurred.
- b) Any suspended member must not be present on the diamond, stands, or field area for the duration of their suspension. This includes warm-up, and post game activities that take place on the field of play.
- c) Members who violate the terms of their suspension are subject to further disciplinary action.
- d) If a member is suspended during the final game of a sanctioned event, they must serve their 1 game suspension at their next sanctioned game. There is no time limit for suspensions to be served.