

# **PENN HILLS SENIOR SOFTBALL CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

The purpose of the Penn Hills Senior Softball League is to provide active recreation and promote enjoyment, sportsmanship, and camaraderie in a competitive environment, welcoming players of all abilities. It was reaffirmed in 2016 to apply to both regular and playoff games. The League hereby adopts the following Code:

## **ARTICLE I PLAYERS & MANAGERS Sec 1**

Players and managers shall not consume alcohol, smoke, threaten or engage in an act of violence, misuse equipment, or use flagrant, blatant, direct or continuing insulting, taunting or vulgar language on the field or in the dugouts.

Sec 2 Players and managers shall not criticize others for physical or mental errors.

Sec 3 Players and managers shall refrain from any intentional conduct that causes a game to be unreasonably delayed or forfeited.

Sec 4 Players and managers shall refrain from abusing game rules to gain an unfair advantage.

**ARTICLE II UMPIRES** Umpires are responsible for enforcing game rules and maintaining sportsmanship at games.

Sec 1 Umpires shall not be subjected to improper influence, criticism, or second guessing.

Sec 2 Continuing a disagreement with an umpire's call, once the call is finalized, is prohibited.

Sec 3 Umpires may warn and then eject from the game any player violating any provision of this code.

**ARTICLE III BULLYING (Added 2020) BULLYING-** Defined Intent to "Harass, annoy, alarm, or intimidate another individual" (PA HOUSE BILL 2053) Any form of harassment, intentional course of conduct reasonably likely to intimidate, emotionally abuse, defame or threaten another person. Conduct whether verbal, physical, written, or by any means or mode of communication. (Prohibited by Sec. 2709 of the PA Crimes Code). Conduct to create an intimidating offensive environment, per shall not retaliating against any person who reports conduct. (PENN HILLS MUNICIPALITY ORDINANCE# 2018-2619 4/2/18)

Sec. 1 PENN HILLS SERVICE CENTER CONSUMER RULES AND REGULATIONS.  
FIRST TIME- WARNING SECOND TIME-CRONIC- WRITTEN UP, DISCUSSED

WITH MUNICIPAL MANAGER. Third - Banned from the Center indefinitely. When banned, the municipality and area Agency on Aging will be informed, as well as the Penn Hills Police

Sec. 2 PENN HILLS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE FIRST TIME- WARNING  
SECOND TIME- SUSPENSION OF 2 GAMES THIRD TIME- EXPULSION FROM  
LEAGUE ARTICLE IV SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

Sec 1 A sportsmanship Committee shall be established to investigate and decide all complaints of alleged Code violations not resolved on the playing field. The alleged violation shall be in writing and signed by the complainant with an opportunity for the alleged violator to respond.

Sec 2 The Committee has the authority to reprimand or suspend any league member it finds in violation of the Code. Expulsion from the League may be recommended in which case it must be presented at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Sec 3 The enumeration of prohibited acts in this Code shall not prohibit a member from filing a complaint alleging unsportsmanlike conduct nor prohibit the Committee from a finding of unsportsmanship, of conduct not enumerated herein but in clear violation of the intent of this Code. PHSSL-Original March 20, 2017 AMENDMENT ADDED BY LEAGUE VOTE MARCH, 2020 Reviewed - PgW June 2021