



Sportsmanship/Behavior Policy

The PSL strives to provide a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and fun atmosphere while providing a high-quality recreational experience for all participants. We place a high priority on sportsmanship and expect it to be displayed throughout at all times.

Unsportsmanlike behavior includes but is not limited to the berating of an official, harassment of another individual, use of slurs or other offensive language, threats, dangerous or excessive physical play, lying or misrepresenting your identity, and any other behavior deemed inappropriate by an official, referee, or a PSL staff member. Note that any player whose words or actions negatively impact an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere at PSL games and events will also be considered unsportsmanlike behavior.

At the end of each game our officials will be rating each team on their sportsmanship throughout the game on a scale of 1-3. Any team who receives a rating of (1) in any game will not be eligible for playoffs.

- 3: Excellent Conduct and Sportsmanship: The team goes above and beyond in creating a fun and sportsmanlike environment. Players cooperate fully with the officials and other team members. The captain calmly converses with officials about rule interpretations and calls. The captains have full control of their teammates.
- 2: Average Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team members verbally question some decisions made by the officials but remain respectful. Captains exhibit control over their team and themselves. The team overall displays sportsmanship.
 - Teams that receive more than 1 warning for conduct
 - Continually asking the umpire to explain routine calls
- 1: Poor Conduct and Sportsmanship: Team is uncooperative, combative with the officials or members of the other team. The captain does not have control over teammates or themselves. The team creates an atmosphere that ruins the sportsmanlike environment between commenting on plays, fighting, harassing, etc.
 - Use of slurs, or derogatory name calling
 - Player ejections
 - Cursing directly at an umpire or an opposing player
 - Continued berating or arguing of officials for calls

Sportsmanship Enforcement Policy:

- Sportsmanship scores will be updated with game scores online. They will be reported under game notes.
- In the event that a team receives a 1-rating, we will follow this process:
 - Immediately investigate and confirm the rating with our field monitor, and any other bystanders.
 - PSL staff will notify and speak with the captain of the team in question directly before anything is shared publicly on the schedule in game notes.