

**SUGGESTED WAYS TO GET THROWN OUT OF AN HPSA SOFTBALL GAME**  
**(AND AUTOMATIC ONE GAME SUSPENSION AT LEAST)**

1. QUESTION THE UMPIRE'S STRIKE ZONE.
2. BRING LEAGUE RULES OR SOFBALL CANADA RULEBOOK ONTO THE FIELD.
3. WEAR SHORTS THAT DON'T GO BELOW THE KNEE.
4. DON'T REMOVE JEWELLERY AFTER AN UMPIRE'S WARNING.
5. SPEAK IN A DEROGATORY OR DISRESPECTFUL MANNER TO AN UMPIRE.
6. DISCUSS A GAME SITUATION OR ASK A QUESTION OF THE UMPIRE WITHOUT ASKING THAT UMPIRE FIRST IF IT IS OK TO DO SO. (THE UMPIRE MAY PREFER THAT THE QUESTION OR DISCUSSION BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CAPTAIN.)
7. QUESTION AN UMPIRE'S SUBJECTIVE RULING SUCH AS A CLOSE PLAY AT A BASE (ESPECIALLY IN A CHALLENGING OR DISRESPECTFUL MANNER OR WITH EXCESSIVE NEGATIVE BODY LANGUAGE).
8. SWEAR AT ANYONE FOR ANY REASON, EVEN AT YOURSELF (IF SAY YOU MISS A BALL).
9. SMOKE, DRINK OR TAKE ILLEGAL DRUGS ON THE FIELD OR PERMIT AREA.
10. FIGHT, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE ANYONE (OR APPEAR TO DO SO).
11. ASSUME THAT ALL UMPIRES WILL REACT EXACTLY THE SAME TO A GIVEN SITUATION.
12. SHOW UP THE UMPIRE IN ANY WAY. (Example: Draw a line in the dirt where you think the ball crossed the Batter's Box after the Ump calls a strike.)
13. PARTAKE IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.
14. EXCESSIVELY ARGUE WITH ANYONE, EVEN TEAMMATES OR SPECTATORS.
15. IGNORE AN UMPIRE'S WARNING.
16. MAKE A FAKE TAG.
17. THROW A BAT, GLOVE OR ANY EQUIPMENT IN ANGER OR DISGUST (OR LOSE YOUR SELF CONTROL IN OTHER WAYS SUCH AS YELLING IF YOU DON'T LIKE A CALL).
18. USE AN ALTERED OR BANNED BAT.
19. PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AN UMPIRE, TEAMMATE, OPPONENT, SPECTATOR, CITY WORKER, OR LEAGUE OFFICIAL THAT'S MEANT TO INTIMIDATE, INSTIGATE, ELEVATE, OR RESPOND.
20. PARTAKE IN UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR RACIST, OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
21. MAKE PERSONAL COMMENTS, INSULTS, YELL, OR MAKE OTHER TYPES OF ATTACKS OR INTIMIDATION AGAINST AN UMPIRE, TEAMMATE, OPPONENT, SPECTATOR, CITY WORKER, OR LEAGUE OFFICIAL FOR ANY REASON.
22. MAKE GESTURES OR SHOW DISGUST AT AN UMPIRE'S CALL OR DECISION.

**NOTE:** THE RIGHT WAY TO HANDLE THINGS IS TO HAVE YOUR CAPTAIN OR GM EMAIL THE COMMISSIONER, HEAD CONVENER, OR DIVISION CONVENER AFTER THE GAME. WE PROMISE TO DEAL WITH IT AS PROMPTLY AS WE CAN AT THE TIME. (LOSE THE BATTLE, WIN THE WAR)

**NOTE:** COMPLAINTS APPEAR MORE PLAUSIBLE COMING FROM TEAMS THAT ALSO SEND OCCASIONAL COMMENTS ON SATISFACTION, ESPECIALLY BY UMPIRES.