

ANTI-TAUNTING RULE

It shall be a violation of this section for any player, coach, or manager, or a representative of a team, individually or jointly, to taunt any player, coach or manager, or a representative or a fan of an opposing team, or any umpire or official during the course of any scheduled league or tournament game.

For purposes of definition, taunting shall be considered any verbal or physical action, intentional or otherwise, that provokes, challenges, or reproaches another individual or group in a sarcastic, insulting, jeering or negative manner.

The determination of taunting will be at the discretion of the umpire(s) officiating the game.

The penalty for taunting will be:

1. the assessment of one team OUT for each occurrence by an individual;
2. the ejection of any individual for a second occurrence of taunting in any one game;
3. the ejection of any individual for committing taunting when the time or inning would not permit his/her team from having another turn at bat.

CASUAL PROFANITY

The umpire has the authority to assess ONE OUT against the offending team for the use of casual profanity which shall be defined as expletives (vulgar or profane language) directed at umpires or opposing players, uttered by a player, manager/coach, or individual within the dugout involved with the play of the team, frustrated with themselves, a teammate or fan. All OUTS will be assessed against the offending team during turn at bat.

Only ONE "Casual Profanity" out – may be assessed per play with a maximum of two per team at bat.

Incidents of vulgar or profane language exceeding these limits will be considered beyond casual and will subject the individuals responsible to ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Casual Profanity penalty OUT will be assessed as a team out and will not affect any batter or baserunner. For scoring purposes, the putout will be credited to the catcher.

7th inning or Time Restraint Only:

In the event the HOME team, while playing defense, is penalized as a result of casual profanity, the team at bat will be given an extra out. The exception to this would be if the home team is behind, the out will be assessed when they come to bat.