

## NEW AZ USSSA RULES/POLICIES FOR MISCONDUCT DURING YOUTH EVENTS

Managers & Coaches & Parents & Fans

We have had an increasing amount of threats and violence take place during USSSA youth events. Most have taken place between parents and are alcohol related. The private parks are not in a position financially to stop selling alcohol during youth events. We are going to have to take control of this situation and put rules into place that hopefully prevent this from happening in the future. The violence at youth events is unacceptable and creates a negative experience to all spectators and players. Parks and staff also have reported that outside alcohol has been brought into all parks, this is not acceptable at any venue. It has also been brought to our attention that coaches are drinking before and in between games. That is not acceptable and will not be tolerated any longer if you plan on coaching. Here are the new AZ USSSA rules and policies:

1. No drinking before and in between games for any coach, anyone caught or suspected will be removed from coaching that day.
2. Anyone caught with outside alcohol/drugs including parking lots in all venues will be ejected from the park and local law enforcement will be notified to enforce local statues of the parks.
3. Obscene gestures, racial slurs and fowl language will result in offenders being ejected from the park.
4. Threats of violence or acts of violence including parking lots, will result in following penalties:  
911 will be called by our staff and we will seek a police report which will most likely result in charges to be filed.  
Coaches/Parents/Fans involved will be ejected from the park and face suspensions from USSSA National Office that could be lifetime.  
A Player of ejected legal guardian/parent will be taken out of the game and have to leave also.

It's not our goal to punish kids for out of control parents and coaches but we have no choice in the matter because we are not legal guardians and can't take custody of children to finish a game or a tournament when parents have to leave the park immediately.

Our staff are not trained as investigators, they have been instructed to eject all suspected parties involved of any violations listed above. Coaches please enforce parent conduct within your teams and set a high example for your players. We need to create a healthy and safe environment for all those that play and attend USSSA events.

Thanks for your understanding and support of AZ USSSA Baseball

Yours in sportsmanship,  
Rick Perreault/Eric Bell AZ USSSA State Directors