

Texas Statutes regarding interaction with Umpires & Officials

PENAL CODE

CHAPTER 22. ASSAULTIVE OFFENSES

§ 22.01. ASSAULT. (a) **A person commits an offense if the person:**

(1) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another, including the person's spouse;
(2) intentionally or knowingly threatens another with imminent bodily injury, including the person's spouse; or
(3) **intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative.**

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if the offense is committed against:

(1) a person the actor knows is a public servant while the public servant is lawfully discharging an official duty, or in retaliation or on account of an exercise of official power or performance of an official duty as a public servant;
(2) a member of the defendant's family or household, if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense against a member of the defendant's family or household under this section; or

(c) **An offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor**, except that the offense is:

(1) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04; or
(2) **a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed by a person who is not a sports participant against a person the actor knows is a sports participant either:**
(A) while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or
(B) in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant.

(3) "Sports participant" means a person who participates in any official capacity with respect to an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or other organized amateur or professional athletic competition and includes an athlete, referee, umpire, linesman, coach, instructor, administrator, or staff member.

§ 42.01. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

(a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly:
(1) **uses abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language in a public place**, and the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace; or

(2) makes an offensive gesture or display in a public place, and the gesture or display tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;