

CHICO SENIOR SOFTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

(as of 7/21/10)

WELCOME

Welcome to the Chico Senior Softball Club. We sincerely hope you enjoy meeting old friends on the field of competition. May you have the kind of experience that brings you back for years to come. Many volunteers and officials work hard to provide you an enjoyable time. We ask that you respect their efforts and show good sportsmanship towards them and all your fellow athletes.

LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

The Chico Senior Softball Club provides an opportunity for individuals of like interests to pursue athletic sports activities. Through the organization, Chico Senior Softball provides the Chico area an arena for competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

LEAGUE GOALS

To establish rules and regulations for the leagues, officials, teams, players, and spectators.

To provide balanced competition to the extent of available fields and number of teams.

To provide control of play through acceptance of game rules adopted by the Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors.

To bring together seniors with like interests, for fun and fellowship.

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The President or his Designee acts as the League Director. The League Director and the Board of Directors act as all committees and commissioners of that are not otherwise appointed and active. They are the final decision makers on all matters regarding the operation of the league. Further they understand that not all situations are foreseeable and personal judgment may be needed. Conditions beyond their control may result in changes or revisions of the league schedule. They will determine all rules and regulations and reserve the right to establish or suspend same. At any time deemed necessary for efficient operation of the league they will interpret all rules and regulations deemed necessary to ensure a smooth and consistent program in keeping with the standards and intent of fair play. They have the option of moving players to whatever team deemed in the best interest of providing a balanced program. The President has the responsibility for all decisions and rulings. The Board of Directors may be petitioned in writing to protest a ruling by the League Director or his representatives.

PLAYING RULE CHANGES

League playing rules will remain in effect for the entire season unless they are found to be ineffective or create a safety hazard to any player. All changes must be presented and approved by the Board of Directors.

UMPIRES

It is difficult to get good umpires. Unethical action by managers and players may cause good umpires to leave officiating and consequently leave a shortage of umpires.

It is unacceptable for anyone associated with the league to attempt to influence or object to an umpire's decision in a disrespectful manner. Team members and especially managers have the responsibility of making certain that this does not occur.

Any criticism of umpires by managers and players on or off the field is unacceptable. During the game, the attitude of players and managers toward the umpire shall be controlled and undemonstrative. To openly criticize umpires or to indicate dissatisfaction with their decisions does nothing but incite other players and spectators and bring discredit to the manager, his team, and the league. Unsportsmanlike conduct is contrary to the basic principles of Chico Senior Softball and violation of Player Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. **Violation of Code of Conduct could result in suspension or expulsion from league.**

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Player Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors and will be strictly enforced. A suspension may result in violation of these rules. A suspended player or team must leave the playing area, nor may they be a pool player while on suspension. Adherence to the Code of Conduct, and in particular as it relates to bodily contact and abusive language, is required by all league members. This Code of Conduct applies to players, managers, and spectators.

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO USE: Alcohol and smoking of tobacco will not be permitted on the playing field or in the dugout

MINIMUM PENALTY: First violation a warning will be issued.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Second violation will result in ejection.

UMPIRE ABUSE: No player shall be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of an umpire's decision, not abide by umpire's decision, or abusively verbally attack another player, umpire, or spectator. Only the manager may discuss decisions made by the umpire.

MINIMUM PENALTY: First violation a warning will be issued.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Second violation will result in ejection and possible expulsion from league.

ROUGH TACTICS: No player shall be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics during the game against an opposing player. Player is to be immediately ejected and remain suspended until Board review of the situation.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for remainder of season.

ALCOHOL: No player shall appear on field in an impaired condition. Player is to be immediately ejected and remain suspended until Board review of the situation.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspended for two games and placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for remainder of season.

PHYSICAL ATTACK: No player shall at any time physically lay a hand upon, shove, exhortate, strike, or threaten an official, player, or spectator. Player is to be immediately ejected and remain suspended until Board review.

MINIMUM PENALTY: Suspended for two games and placed on probation for remainder of season.

MAXIMUM PENALTY: Suspension for life and/or assault charges filed.

UNIFORMS: Only approved jerseys and caps with approved numbering and lettering will be allowed. The integrity of the league and the professional image we wish to convey will not be compromised.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- A) Any player who violates the Code of Conduct while on probation will have his penalty doubled.
- B) Any player ejected from a game must leave the field immediately (out of sight and sound). Failure to do so will result in a two game suspension.
- C) Appeals of any violation must be made in writing to the Board of Directors who will decide on the matter. They will review the case and decide on reinstatement to the program. Nothing will be done and player will remain suspended until written request is made.
- D) All violations of the Code of Conduct should be noted in the scorebook by the scorekeeper and/or scorecard by the umpire. The umpire should contact the President of the Board of Directors as to what occurred.
- E) The President or his designee shall have the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on all violations of the Code of Conduct. In any violation not included in said code, the penalty shall be at the discretion of the President.

DISCIPLINE INFORMATION FOR MANAGERS:

- 1) The manager will be responsible to see that all his players know and abide by this Code of Conduct. Further, if a manager cannot control his players and spectators, he faces league action ranging from probation to removal from the position of manager.
- 2) The manager shall be the official representative of the team and spectators unless he designates one of his players as the team captain prior to the game. Only the manager and/or captain may discuss a call or decision made by the umpire. The manager and/or captain is responsible for having the team cooperate with the umpire, scorekeeper, or any league official.
- 3) Anytime a player is ejected from a game, the manager must make contact with the President or Board Member prior to the next scheduled game. Failure to comply will make the ejected player ineligible until contact has been made and the player has been cleared to play.
- 4) Any player ejected is required to leave the dugout within two minutes. Failure to do so is grounds for a forfeit. The umpire must notify and warn the manager of any non-compliance before the game is forfeited.
Note: An ejected player that returns to the field or approaches an umpire with malicious intentions after the game will face a minimum two game suspension.
- 5) Any player that is ejected from the last game of the season must still follow the procedures before being cleared to play for the next season.
- 6) Any player who is ejected a second time during a season will be suspended for two games.
- 7) Any team that is involved in any type of physical confrontation with umpires or an opposing team or spectator, where more than one player is involved and no identification of the involved individuals can be made, the manager will be held responsible.
- 8) Any player, coach, or manager that incurs indebtedness to Chico Senior Softball and does not correct this matter within a prescribed amount of time will be suspended from all activities until problem has been resolved.

NOTE: This Code of Conduct may be amended or modified by the Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors as necessary.

