



## **The Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors has implemented Parent and Player Codes of Conduct**

Our codes of conduct hold an important message about the proper role of parents, managers and players in our league. It is expected that parents, managers, and players read and sign the Code of Conduct.

### **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

We, the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message that it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting the youth of our community and their child in sports.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are the foundations of sportsmanship and are demonstrated by the core principles of respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.

As a Parent of Chico Westside Little League, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in Chico Westside Little League by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental suspension for games
- Parental season suspension
- Parental removal from all league activities

The Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors, have implemented the following Player Code of Conduct for the important message that it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting the youth of our community and their child in sports.

Player's responsibilities are simple; be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, and always do your best, and always exhibit good sportsmanship.

As a Chico Westside Little League participant I hereby pledge that I will:

- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents.
- Be a team player and support my teammates.
- Be on time and attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coaches if I cannot.
- Work hard to improve my skills.
- Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- Congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of sportsmanship.
- Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others.
- Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- Obey the rules of the game and always work for the good of the team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with grace and never challenge or question calls. Refrain from challenging or questioning on-field calls by officials and/or managers and coaches.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity.
- Applaud the efforts of my teammates and opponents.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors or Code of Conduct Committee that could include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Player suspension for games
- Player suspension for season including postseason (All Stars & TOC)
- Player being expelled from the league

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Anyone removed from the Chico Westside Little League fields must leave all fields and the access roads to the fields. Such persons may not remain in the Chico Westside Little League parking lot. Any infraction of the above rules will result in a report being delivered to the Chico Westside Little League Board for consideration of further action, as appropriate.

**First Offense:** Upon the reporting of a first offense by an individual, the Board of Directors, at a minimum, will provide a written warning to the offender, detailing the consequences of future infractions. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, nothing precludes the Board of Directors from banning a repeat offender from all Chico Westside Little League activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games, for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

**Second Offense:** The Board of Directors may institute a wide range of penalties for repeat offenders, beginning with the second offense, as deemed appropriate by the Board. Such penalties include, but are not limited to:

1. A ban from participating in all Chico Westside Little League activities for a set period of time or number of games.
2. A ban from participating in all Chico Westside Little League activities for the entire season including post season play (All-Stars).
3. Severe violations can result in suspension from all Chico Westside Little League activities for the remainder of the current season or tournament and beyond.

**Third Offense:** The Board of Directors may choose to apply any of the penalties prescribed for a second offense. In the most extreme of circumstances, the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors may hold a meeting to determine whether or not the individual should be permanently banned from all future Chico Westside Little League activities. The individual in question must receive a certified letter of such a hearing at least one week prior to the meeting, and must be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

**Physical Abuse** - Physical abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator will result in immediate expulsion from the Chico Westside Little League fields at the direction of an umpire or a CWLL board member. Anyone expelled for this reason may not return to the Chico Westside Little League fields or participate in any Chico Westside Little League activity until the Chico Westside Little League Board of Directors approves. Any parent, fan, or player who has been suspended or banned from league activities may petition, in writing, to the Board of Directors for a review of the penalty. The petition should be delivered to the league president, and the Board of Directors will meet as soon as reasonably possible to consider the petition. The aggrieved parties will have the opportunity at the meeting to present their appeal

**Official Incidents will be documented within the Chico Westside Little League Incident Form which is located on the CWLL website: [www.chicowestside.com](http://www.chicowestside.com) or in the snack bar. Paper forms should be submitted to the Player Agent Brian Blakely. Electronic forms should be submitted to [playeragent@chicowestside.com](mailto:playeragent@chicowestside.com) and [president@chicowestside.com](mailto:president@chicowestside.com).**

### **Parent/ Player Code of Conduct**

**Player:**

My signature verifies that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by and agree to the consequences of Chico Westside Little League guidelines on the Player Code of Conduct.

(Printed name of player)

(Signature of player)

Date

**Parent:**

My signature verifies that I have read, understand and agree to abide by and agree to the consequences of the Chico Westside Little League guidelines on the Code of Conduct. I have also read and discussed with my child participant the Player Code of Conduct and will do my best to positively encourage my child to abide by its contents.

Printed name of parent/guardian

Signature of parent/guardian

Date