

San Francisco Giants, MLB, Wheelchair Softball Team Players' Code of Conduct

All Participants are required to abide by the players' code of conduct. "Players" means any participant, i.e., player, squad member, coach, scorekeeper, or fan. If a player violates any of the provisions of this code of conduct, it will be up to Access Leisure Staff acting as team manager to decide if penalties are to be levied. The code of conduct will be in effect at all Wheelchair Softball team functions including practices, games, tournaments and other activities the players attend as a member of the team.

Access Leisure staff shall act as "**Manager**" and as such shall have the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on all violations of players code of conduct. Also, the Manager will be responsible for reviewing any violation not explicitly stated in the code. The penalty for those violations will also be at the discretion of the "Manager". The Manager's decisions and rulings are subject to review and reversal by majority vote of teams governing staff. The team governing staff will include the team coach, team captain, and impartial Access Leisure Supervisor.

Game Officials (Umpires) have general authority to handle unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with ASA Rule 10, and use ASA conduct guidelines for all other guidance. The Game Official in charge may either suspend or declare forfeit any game where in his or her judgment there has been a violation of the code of conduct, making it unsafe to continue the contest

All Players:

1. Shall commit to play softball for the fun and enjoyment of the sport
 - a. Always be a good sport
 - b. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.
 - c. Respect your other teammates, coaches, opponents, the officials and the volunteers and staff who support the San Francisco Giants, MLB, wheelchair softball team
 - d. Work hard to improve your skills
 - e. Never argue with the decision of officials or coach
 - f. Learn TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, and discipline
 - g. Respect the ball field and its facilities. Without them you wouldn't have a place to play
 - h. Be on time for all games, practices and program activities
2. Shall commit to be a member of the team and attend all team trainings, practices and meetings.
 - A. If player is invited to join the team and accepts the San Francisco Wheelchair Giants team jersey and hat and subsequently drops off the team during the season, the player must return the team gear or a bill for the cost of the items will be sent to the player.
 - B. It is the players' responsibility to contact the team coach or manager to let them know they cannot attend one of the above described team training, practice or meeting.
 - Penalty – Failure to notify coach or manager will be considered an unexcused absence. 2 unexcused absences and you will be dropped from starting lineup and not allowed to play in next tournament.
 - C. Players shall not miss more than one practice in one month prior to attending a tournament.
 - Penalty- for missing 2 practices player will be benched during the one or more games of the next tournament the team plays in.
 - Penalty- If player misses 3 practices (excused); player will be dropped from the lineup at next tournament.

No Player May:

1 Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator. Any use of profanity, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, at any time, will not be tolerated.

- Penalty- first offense – verbal warning
- Penalty- second offense- asked to leave
- Penalty- third offense- dropped from roster and asked not to come back

2 Be responsible for abstaining from the use of any intoxicating or illegal substances before or during all practices, tournaments, special events, or any and all occurrences where they are representing the San Francisco Giants MLB Wheelchair softball team. Furthermore, if player appears to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance, they will be asked to leave. This includes all trainings, practices, games, and tournaments. This includes the use of medical marijuana at all practices, tournaments and events where player is representing the San Francisco Giants team.

- Penalty- Player will be asked to leave

3 Use of smokeless tobacco, smoke, or VAPE, while coming off the field of play, smoke while going onto the field of play, or smoke while on the field of play or in a team’s dugout is not allowed. Smoking may only be in the designated area in-between games. Note: Tobacco use and VAPE **are not allowed** at the Samuel Pannell Community Center facility/ River Cats Independence Field or parking lot, or at the San Francisco Giants AT&T Ball Park.

- Penalty- Player will receive a warning and asked to discontinue tobacco/VAPE use
- Penalty- Repeat offenders will be asked to leave and will be given a 1 year suspension from the team

4. Participate in any activity that will embarrass or subject the San Francisco Giants wheelchair softball team to possible ejection from any tournament site or host hotel.

- Penalty- Player will be given a 1 year suspension from play with the team.

5 Refuse to abide by an official's decision, continue arguing official’s final decisions, threaten an official, or at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or strike an official.

- Penalty- If actions result in an expulsion from the game-Player will be benched for next scheduled game.
- Penalty- for second offense 1 year suspension from play with the team

6 Threaten any player; opponent, official, or fan by throwing any object, and no object shall be thrown in any manner, for any reason, that is considered to be dangerous.

- Penalty- Player will be ejected from the practice, or other activity

7 Use unnecessarily or intentional rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player.

- Penalty- Player or players will be ejected from the activity, practice or game.

Player Signature _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Player Contact:

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____