



Coalinga Area Chamber of Commerce
88th Annual Horned Toad Derby Festival

BIG FREDS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

CODE OF CONDUCT

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We would like to communicate to all teams and all players that we have a code of conduct that we expect everyone to agree to and submit as part of becoming a player in the Big Fred Memorial Softball Tournament. Friendly competition and good spirited rivalry are expected. However, players, coaches, managers, umpires or spectators will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, coaches, managers, officials, spectators, or Tournament Staff- use of expletives or negative comments that may be heard by those in the stands and surrounding area of the playing field or commit other acts that should be considered unsportsmanlike. The game official will have discretion to warn teams and/or eject players.

Conversations with officials/umpires will be kept to a minimum. Team managers, and only team managers, may address the officials. Managers may only address matters of rule interpretation or essential game information and must do so in a courteous manner.

1. Anyone who demonstrates objectionable dissent at an official's decision or who attempts to discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by an official except thru the team manager will be considered unsportsmanlike behavior and subject to disciplinary action.
Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.
Maximum Penalty: Ejection from game, ejection from tournament and/or ejection from park property (see player eject rule)
2. No person shall: Be guilty of an abusive attack (verbal or nonverbal) upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately stop play, address situation and report player to the Tournament Director.
Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.
Maximum Penalty: Ejection from game, ejection from tournament and/or ejection from park property (see player eject rule)
3. No person shall: Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the body or person of the opposing player. Officials are required to immediately stop play, address the situation and report player to the Tournament Director.
Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.
Maximum Penalty: Ejection from game, ejection from tournament and/or ejection from park property (see player eject rule)
4. No person shall: Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, official or spectator. Officials are required to immediately stop play, address the situation and report player to the Tournament Director.
Minimum Penalty: Immediate Player Ejection from Tournament and Park
Maximum Penalty: Player banned for life and assault charges filed.
5. Umpires are employed by the Coalinga Chamber of Commerce and are paid to complete a job. As representatives of the Tournament and of the Coalinga Chamber of Commerce, they are essentially running events on the field during play and will not be subject to harassment of any kind.

6. There is no scenario where stealing equipment or any other item belonging to another party is acceptable.
7. This Tournament is part of a much bigger event. The Annual Horned Toad Derby Festival. This is a family friendly event, and all participants must always keep this in mind. The most important thing you bring to the tournament is your image of sportsmanship and teamwork. There will be families and youth watching the games and seeing how each of you carries yourself. We not only expect but insist that our participants hold themselves to a higher level. Have fun but be a good example to all.

Any of the above items, when reported to or noticed by tournament officials, will be the subject of a meeting of officials on the field and immediate scrutiny, which may result in a warning or ejection. A flagrant violation may include game ejection, tournament ejection or even park ejection; this is at the discretion of tournament officials after reviewing the scope and severity of actions being analyzed.

We take the safety of our tournament players, spectators, and everyone on property seriously, and we are determined to promote a respectful, safe, and family friendly environment.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that every member of his/her team has read and understands the Code of Conduct as outlined above. By signing below, the Team Manager agrees that he/she will ensure that all team members will adhere to the Code of Conduct as written above and accept decisions made by the Umpire and Tournament Director.

Remind your players that this tournament is called the "Big Fred Memorial Softball Tournament" for a reason. Every person on that field is there to pay respect and to honor the memory of a community Legend on this field. Let's all have a great tournament and make Big Fred and his family proud.

Team Name: _____ Date: _____

Manager's Signature: _____