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NFHS/CIF Southern Section Code of Ethics - Officials

Officials at an interscholastic athletic event are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all interscholastic officials.

As an official, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
2. Work with each other, the state associations and the sections in a constructive and cooperative manner.
3. Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
4. Prepare myself both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately and shall comport myself in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
5. Be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
6. Remain mindful that my conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches, and the public hold for the profession.
7. While enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, I shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.
8. Take reasonable steps to educate myself in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.
9. Support the principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor and uphold the Six Pillars of Character:
 - Trustworthiness
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Fairness
 - Caring
 - Citizenship

By signing below, I agree to abide by the NFHS/CIF Southern Section Official's Code of Ethics.

Printed Name of Official

Sport/Unit

Signature of Official

Date

A copy of this form must be kept on file with the Unit President of each Official's Sport Association and each Unit's Statement of Compliance must be on file at the CIF Southern Section Office.

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Channel Coast Softball Officials Association

Agreement Acknowledging Status as Independent Contractor, Waiver and Release of Liability and Agreement to Furnish Own Liability Insurance

Please read, print your name, sign your name and date the following agreement. All prospective and returning Channel Coast Softball Officials must return this signed form with their correct financial obligation fees before any games can be assigned to you.

I, _____, in consideration of my membership

(Print Your Name)

with the Channel Coast Softball Officials Association, as an Independent Contractor, agree to the terms and conditions contained herein. I am no way an employee, partner, or agent of the CCSOA Unit. I am aware that, as an Independent Contractor, working softball games associated with or assigned by CCSOA Unit, certain risks exist in my capacity as a softball official. Among these risks, but not limited to, is the risk of personal injury arising from personal and third party negligence, torts, or intentional conduct including but not limited to, slips, falls, hit by a pitch, thrown balls or bats, etc. My participation as a softball official for CCSOA Unit, is voluntary, and freely assumes all risks, including unforeseen risks. I understand that as an Independent Contractor I am required by the CCSOA Unit to furnish my own Personal Liability Insurance of ONE MILLION DOLLARS and will provide copies of my Personal Liability Insurance Policies as proof thereof.

I acknowledge that I have read the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures of the CCSOA Unit and agree to abide by them.

I waive all claims, and will not sue or otherwise make any claim, including but not limited to: claims for negligence and attorney's fees, against the CCSOA Unit, its Officers, Board of Directors, and members for any injury, loss of damage, cost or expense however arising from my participation in any softball officiating activity or any activity assigned/sponsored by the CCSOA Unit.

I agree that this agreement shall be binding on: Myself, my family members, heirs and personal representatives. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CCSOA Unit, from any liability, damage, cost or expense, including attorney's fees, arising from my activities or any breach of this agreement.

I represent that I am over 18 years of age, have read this agreement, and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and contract between me and the CCSOA Unit, which I sign of my own free will and without prejudice.

(Print your Name)

(Your Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN THIS ORIGINAL FORM COMPLETED; WITH YOUR CORRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION AND
PROOF OF PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Channel Coast Softball Officials Association

2024

Insurance Carrier: NASO, NFHS, USA, USSSA, or OTHER: _____

Per the requirements of CIF, I hereby affirm that I have Sport Officials, Liability Insurance in force for the 2024 High School Softball season that starts in February, 2019. The policy has a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 (One Million). If my Policy should expire during the season, I agree to ensure that I have appropriate coverage for the remainder of the season.

Signature:

Date: _____