

SUMMER SOFTBALL MINISTRY 2010

BACKGROUND

The First Chinese Baptist Church (FCBC) of San Francisco is involved in the Chinese Christian Union (CCU) Softball League as an affirmation of our Christian faith through fellowship with other Christians. We believe interaction with other churches and other Christians helps to build our personal relationship with Christ. Through the years our involvement with the CCU Softball League has also been an important outreach as FCBCers invite their friends to come to church and to play on our FCBC teams.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CCU Summer Softball Ministry of FCBC is:

1. To model and strengthen Christian character and sportsmanship
2. To teach softball strategies and techniques
3. To provide an opportunity for outreach and continuing involvement in FCBC
4. To fellowship with other Christians and to have fun.

STRUCTURE

Each FCBC softball teams will be led by:

- (1) A coach, selected by the Sports Ministry Committee, who will:
 - a. oversee all practices and games
 - b. model good sportsmanship on and off the field.
 - c. collect all fees, permission slips, and attend CCU meetings
- (2) A team captain, a member of the team who will:
 - a. assist the coach in areas where needed
 - b. may serve or assist as the team spiritual leader
 - c. take responsibility for planning fellowship times

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

To become a member of an FCBC Softball team, one must:

- (1) Take an active part in the ministries of FCBC or another church
 - a. regular attendance at worship service and/or
 - b. regular involvement in a church Sunday School or Bible Study
 - (2) Complete the Church Application/ Health Form and the CCU Waiver Form, and pay in full all fees (see below). Return the completed application and registration fee by **March 14th, 2010**
Deadlines will be enforced!!!
 - (3) Commitment to the Pledge of Behavior (distributed & explained prior to league play)
- The Sports Ministry Committee (SMC) will make all decisions about eligibility.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Each person will be required to pay a **\$45** registration fee for participation due by **March 14th**. You will not be eligible to play until all fees are paid. Fees will cover field for games and equipment (Bats, softballs, and the Awards Dinner).

Make all checks payable to "*First Chinese Baptist Church*" earmarked with "CCU Softball" and your name. Contact Matt Chin for more information by E-mail to Fliedrice12@hotmail.com or call (415) 509-6617.

Equipment Needed

Please provide your own glove. There will be **NO** extras. If you would like to buy a bat, please check with Matt Chin before buying, certain bats are banned from league. A bat list is available.

PRACTICES

After earning a spot on one of FCBC's teams, all team members must regularly attend practices. Practice is not only important for the development of skills, but also for a team to develop unity. Practices will be either at Gellert Park or Westmoor in Daily City, on Saturday mornings or afternoons or determined by the coaches. Practices will begin in early April.

SOFTBALL GAMES and EVENTS

The season runs from early June to end of August. Games are held on Sunday afternoons between 1pm to 6pm at Gellert Park, Westmoor Park, and Orange Park, all game are held in Daily City or South San Francisco. Family and friends are encouraged to come and cheer on the church teams. The CCU game schedule will be available at the middle of May. **1 or 2 mandatory Saturday games will be scheduled this year.**

TRANSPORTATION

Team members will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from games and practices. Though coaches may be available to drive team members home, it should not be expected. Where possible, rides should be arranged prior to the start of the game. Parents and friends are encouraged to come and support the teams.

QUESTIONS

Direct questions to Matt Chin (415) 509-6617; Fliedrice12@hotmail.com

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2010 CCU SUMMER SOFTBALL APPLICATION

Participant's name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

School _____ CCU Division: _____
(A,B,C)

HEALTH FORM and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I (the above named) am physically able to participate in the Chinese Christian Union Softball League through the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco. I understand that the CCU and FCBC will not be held responsible for any injuries or damages that may be incurred by my participation. I also do hereby release from any liability the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco and any and all coaches, leaders, or church staff for any injury or incident, during practices and games whether enroute, during, or after. I also understand that the CCU and the FCBC are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

In the event of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian (if participant is under 18) or emergency contact listed below. If parent/guardian cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the coaches and leaders of First Chinese Baptist Church and the Chinese Christian Union to secure emergency treatment if deemed necessary.

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone number of emergency contact: _____

Primary Health Care Provider: _____

Medical number of participant: _____

I do hereby affirm that all information above is accurate and true.

Signature of participant _____ Date _____

If participant is under 18 years of age, this form must be co-signed by parent/guardian:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Briefly explain why you desire to be part of FCBC Summer Softball:

Mandatory of 1 or 2 Saturday games will be held this year.

You will be informed once the schedule comes out in May.

2010 SUMMER SOFTBALL MINISTRY PLEDGE OF BEHAVIOR

Participating in the Chinese Christian Union Softball League is an exciting, fun, and competitive time for everyone. Many friendships have started through this gathering and many more will develop. We have seen how our participation in this league serves as an important time of outreach and fellowship. However, we have also seen how the game of softball brings out the worst in a person in the heat of competition. As Christians, we need to stop and question our behavior on the softball field. Are we being examples of Christ? Are we being good representatives of the church?

For these reasons, we have established the following as a Pledge of Behavior:

To the best of my ability during this softball season, I, _____, commit and pledge the following:

1. To control my temper and my language on and off the softball field during the heat of competition

"Get rid of all bitterness; rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love."

(1Ephesians 4:31-5:2 NIV)

2. To be regularly involved in the weekly programs of FCBC or another church.
3. To work as part of a team, under the direction of the Coach, by attending practices, following instructions, and participating in team fellowship.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15 NIV)

I understand that I am a representative of First Chinese Baptist Church and as an example of Christ, I will do my best to bring honor to the Lord. I also understand the penalties of reduced playing time and possible dismissal which will be determined by the Coach and the Sports Ministry Committee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV)

Signature _____ Date _____

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**Chinese Christian Union Softball League
Personal Liability Release and Waiver Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Gender (Check One)

MALE	FEMALE

Date of Birth (M/D/Y)

Month	Day	Year

Church Organization _____

Number of years you have participated in CCU Softball _____

In Case of Emergency. Please Contact

Name (First Contact) _____

Phone # _____

Name (Second Contact) _____

Phone # _____

I (print name of participant) _____ understand that my decision to participate in the Chinese Christian Union Softball League (CCU Softball) is entirely voluntary.

For and in consideration of my being permitted to participate in CCU Softball, I fully accept responsibility and assume the risk injury or damage suffered by me, either directly or indirectly, while participating.

I understand that the Chinese Christian Union (CCU) does not assume any responsibility for my safety in connection with CCU Softball. I hereby expressly release, discharge, and hold harmless the CCU, its officers, agents, and employees (collectively (CCU) from any liability and claims resulting from damage and/or injury to my person or property in connection with CCU Softball. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CCU from all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses, or judgments' arising out of any loses, damages, illnesses, deaths, or other casualties suffered by me or any other person in connection with my participation in CCU Softball.

IT IS MY INTENTION, BY THIS INSTRUMENT, TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE CCU FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,

TO THE FULL EXTENT OF APPLICABLE LAWS. I AGREE THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I PROSECUTE OR PRESENT ANY CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH

AGAINST THE CCU ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN OR PRESENCE

AT CCU SOFTBALL AT ANY TIME, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF THE CCU'S NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE.

With my signature below, I certify that I (or parent or legal guardian if participant is under 18 years of age) HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND this Release and Waiver, including the above capitalized section on negligence and liability. I further certify that it is my intention, by signing this Release and Waiver, that it be binding upon my heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns. I am signing this Release and Waiver voluntarily and understand that it is legally binding.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian is required for participants under 18 years of age

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

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Chinese Christian Union Sports
Media Release Form and Permission to Use Images**

In my participation of the Chinese Christian Union Sports leagues (CCU Sports), I hereby give the Chinese Christian Union and its authorized photographers and personnel the absolute right and permission to publish, copyright, and use pictures and images of me in which I may be included in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form, in conjunction with

(please initial all those applicable):

My own name _____

A fictitious name _____

No name to be used _____

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____

Team Name: _____

If the person photographed is under 18, I certify that I am his or her parent or legal guardian, and I give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on his or her behalf.

Name of Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____