

# **CCU Softball 2010**

## **League Information Guide**

**CCU SPORTS & THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN UNION OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
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# **Welcome!**

## **From the Chinese Christian Union Softball League**

We are looking forward to another year of fellowship through softball. Please read and go over the rules and regulations carefully so you and your team will understand the direction for the league this year.

With times of change, there are some changes we have added. With rising costs of field rentals we have raised our fees to adjust to such. There has been a change in CCU Sports itself for the sake of integrity. CCU Sports now requests that all teams are under a church instead of sponsored by an organization or Christian group. Under CCU Softball rules we have been practicing that process for some time now and would just continue doing so. There is a letter attached to this change (Pg 4).

We also want you to be careful with applications this year as in the past the CCU Softball Waiver & Media Waiver forms were part of the Applications. It will have a separate form to be filled out. The form will be a Universal CCU Sports waiver which you can use for all CCU Sports that you play. We are trying to streamline the waiver process by having one waiver signed instead of signing 4 different ones for 4 different CCU Sports. This is a start as we are trying to streamline the Application process in 2011.

We emphasize Christian fellowship and example. If you participate in the 2010 Chinese Christian Union Softball League (CCUSL), please participate fully, bring a loving attitude, and take your responsibilities seriously.

Dear Friends of CCU Softball,

Oh behalf of CCU Softball, I wanted to update you officially about the changes that the larger Chinese Christian Union is making to CCU Softball and CCU Sports.

In particular, starting 2010, there will be a new policy that states all teams in any CCU league must be church-sponsored and have a letter of support signed by the pastor. There might be some avenue for applying for exceptions, but we are not sure exactly what that might be yet. Many teams without a church sponsorship are probably going to wonder if we are singling them out for exclusion, but CCU is trying very hard to explain the basis for the policy. Basically, as an ecumenical and evangelistic organization, CCU believes that church sponsorship would place responsibility on the churches for proper follow-up, encouragement, and accountability within an established Christian body, namely a home or sponsoring church. This would mean greater connection between the players and churches, and also stronger accountability in the relationships if liability were to occur. Ultimately, this is an opportunity and a call to strengthen the implementation of our mission and the purpose of the Chinese Christian Union and CCU Sports.

Please remember that ANYONE can still play in CCU Sports as long as they are within an officially church-sponsored team.

For teams and individuals without a church connection, this is a great opportunity to connect formally with a Christian body, and to seek and grow mutual support within a church family.

For churches and church leaders, this is a call to welcome players and teams seeking these connections.

I hope this is not disheartening. We believe this is a great opportunity for greater outreach and building a stronger community. CCU and I appreciate your support of CCU and CCU Softball.

Thank you again. I hope we can find a solution that will continue to meet all our needs. If you have questions or concerns specific to the church-sponsorship policy, please contact our CCU Sports Minister, Pastor Don Ng ([revdonng@fcbc-sf.org](mailto:revdonng@fcbc-sf.org) or 415-717-8941). Please feel free to contact me at [melfong@ccusports.com](mailto:melfong@ccusports.com) if you have league questions.

Take care and God bless,

Mel

Mel Fong  
Commissioner, CCU Softball

# Mission Statement

## Our Mission

The Chinese Christian Union Sports League (CCU Sports) is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and providing an avenue for Christian evangelism and fellowship through the means of playing organized sports. CCU Sports targets men, women, boys, and girls from Chinese Christian communities in the San Francisco area, although it is open to all.

## Our Purpose

This unified sports league has many goals. Its foremost goal is to spread the Gospel to everyone. Through the support of the participants from churches and organizations, the league strives to provide a quality fellowship experience for all, Christians and non-Christians. These goals will be achieved if we put Jesus Christ first in our individual lives. In the process of achieving these primary goals, effective outreach, unity, spiritual growth, and developing Christian examples will also occur. The CCU Softball League, as part of CCU Sports and the Chinese Christian Union of San Francisco, serves many needs. In addition to our spiritual goals, we strive to provide safe, encouraging, and quality sports programs for all to enjoy. Society today tells us that fierce competition is a way of life and that winning is everything. However, the CCU Sports League's participants and leaders challenge all individuals to be bold and to stand for God's Love and Christian integrity. "They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable" (1 Corinthians 9:25). Look at the eternal life God has in store for you. CCU Sports hopes to promote what God wants for you. CCU Sports promises to expend all available resources in furthering our benevolent goals. The coordinators, leaders, and participants do not intend to earn profit through the workings of this league. The league will not share its income or earnings with any individuals associated with the league. In the event that this league is dissolved, all assets and funds remaining after its operating or outstanding expenses have been paid will be passed on to similar leagues or organizations devoted to similar Christian evangelism and fellowship purposes.

## Our History

The Chinese Christian Union of San Francisco (CCU), our parent organization, adopted its first constitution in 1916. During its long history, the CCU has continued to support needs and ministries serving the Chinese community in San Francisco. CCU was instrumental in establishing the Chinese Hospital, and the YMCA and YWCA in Chinatown. The CCU is ministering in many areas: the Women's Association, the Christian Cemetery Service, Chinese Hospital, Year Round Christian Worship, Youth Programs, and organized sports including basketball, softball, and volleyball programs. In 1997 the Chinese Christian Union Sports League, also known as CCU Sports, was created to supervise the existing Basketball, Softball, and Volleyball programs.

# Dates

CCU Softball League 2010: June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup> (Tentative Dates).

Early Application Deadline	Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Final Application Deadline	Monday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>
Shirt Orders 1 <sup>st</sup> Order Due	Sunday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>
General Meeting:	Wednesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Umpping Clinic	Saturday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>
CCU Sports Kickoff	Saturday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Universal Waivers Due:	Saturday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Play commences:	Sunday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Shirt Orders Final Order Due	Sunday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>
CCU Softball All-Star Day	Saturday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>
Spiritual Leaders Meeting	Wednesday 7:30, July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Play ends:	Sunday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>
League BBQ & Awards:	Sunday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Final General Meeting:	Wednesday Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>
Evaluations Due:	Monday September 20 <sup>th</sup>

Softball games will be played on Sunday afternoons. **Depending on field availability, some Saturday games will be scheduled.** Fields and times are TBA. All meetings are at Sunset Ministry (3010 Noriega St., San Francisco) at 7:30PM.

# Divisions

This year we are planning to have 3 Divisions. All Divisions will be co-ed and for all ages. Although we hope to fill all divisions, some may be combined or split as needed. Below are the divisions we offer, and the recommendations and requirements for each.

- **A Division.** This division contains experienced and skilled players with most having school team or highly competitive organized league experience.
- **B Division.** This division contains players interested in a moderate level of competition one step lower in experience or skill.
- **C Division.** This division contains players at a beginning level of skill or those interested in a moderate level of competition and fellowship.

# Fellowship

Each team is responsible for fellowship. The home team will lead fellowship. Before the season starts a theme is developed for the upcoming season. In 2006, we started to have a universal CCU Sports theme that we all follow. The different sports then would create topics each week relating to the theme. Each week different example devotions are followed or modified depending upon the style of each devotional leader. Fellowship can be done in different forms. Some have used worship, skits, speakers, small groups, and games to enhance the fellowship. We will also have sign-ins before fellowship start.

Fellowship is where people can share what they know or what opinions they have about who God is and what God has done for them. It is a gathering of more than two and is used to witness about Jesus. In many ways, fellowship can provide us with making new friends and fellow brothers and sisters.

When leading fellowship, make sure that it is planned out ahead of time and prepared so it won't seem like it was a last minute job. Usually fellowship after sports would last 15 minutes at least. Occasionally, when fellowship ends, players continue to fellowship by organizing dinners and get-togethers. During fellowship, take an opportunity to meet new people, share discussions with others, and, most importantly, share the good news of God with all.

# Equipment

The league will supply for each regular season game, the following:

- Double bases at first base. This is to help runners from colliding into first base. See “Rules and Regulations” for specific rules regarding this base.
- Balls. Each team will receive 8 balls per season- one ball per regular season game. Each team will supply a ball at each game. The balls will be used from the 1<sup>st</sup> inning to bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning and from the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning through the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. During playoffs, the league will supply additional balls.
- Binders for the umps. Score sheets, fellowship sign-ins and rules and regulations will be included in the binders.

Each team will need to supply:

- Bats. Because of cost and safety reasons, only single wall bats, single wall bats with composite handles, and women fast pitch single wall bats will be allowed. No composite bats, EST bats, or multiwall bats.
- Gloves.
- Catcher’s Helmet. This is for the safety of those who play behind the plate. We want to ensure the catcher that he or she does not get hit in the face with a ball or bat. Most catchers’ helmets can be made with a batting helmet and a facemask for the helmet (this is the cheapest combination, and it usually runs around \$30 total).
- Plastic cleats. For safety reasons, no metal cleats allowed. Cleats are optional equipment; however, keep in mind that cleats do enhance play.
- Helmets. This is a new rule for those under 13 years of age. Players 13 years old and younger must bat and run bases wearing a batting helmet.

# Team Responsibilities

## Character and Gracious Play

Your team and fans will be expected to exhibit proper attitude and sportsman-like conduct consistent with the CCU Sports League mission and purpose. We are seen within our churches, league, and even from outside. We want to display good character and gracious play to others. Remember, we are a Christian league and people from outside the league are watching us.

## Team Sponsorship

**A team must be sponsored by a church or organization.** We suggest you list a **team name** on the registration form in addition to listing your church/organization name. The team leader must attend the church that the team represents. Starting in 2010 you also must have the church's pastor signature.

## Team Rosters

The maximum number of players per team is 25. Rosters must be completed by June 6<sup>th</sup>. For Insurance purposes, all players that are participating must have two Universal CCU Sports Release and Wavier forms fully filled out and signed:

1. **One must be filled out electronically online to CCU Sports**
2. **Another must be filled out by hand and signed to CCU Softball**
3. **A third (Optional) for the sake of having it on hand in case of an emergency should go to your team captain or representative.**

(Please bear with this process, as this will be separate from the application and will be available soon. This is the first time we are doing this.)

A player can only play on one team and one division only. Players may not cross from lower division to an upper division or upper to lower division. Players may not cross over from one team to another team even if they are in the same division. No adding players after the deadline (June 6<sup>th</sup>).

## Officiating

Your team must fulfill all umpiring and scorekeeping responsibilities. Please make sure that all umpires do know the rules and know how to position on the field. There will be an Umping Clinic, which will be explained at the general meeting. Each team is responsible to send a number of representatives. If you do not send enough representatives, this will result in an automatic fine. Officiating crews (at least 3 umpires per field) will need to be on time or the team will be fined. (FYI -You should be there 10 minutes before game starts so you don't incur a fine for being late.) **NO EXCEPTIONS! The league takes officiating responsibilities very seriously. The league asks all teams to cooperate fully so the league can control costs and uphold a high level of competition.**

## Playoffs

Playoffs will occur after each division completes the regular season. The number of teams in the playoffs will depend on the number of teams that are participating in each division. If there are more than eight teams in a division, the number of playoff teams will be the top six teams with seed #1 & #2 getting a bye. If there are eight or less teams, then there will only be four playoff teams. Seeding will be announced after each division season ends.

In a six-team playoff format the playoffs would be:

- First round #6 vs. #3 and #5 vs. #4
- Second round would be #1 vs. winner of #5 vs. #4 and #2 vs. winner of #6 vs. #3
- Finals are the two winners of the second round.

In a four-team playoff format the playoffs would be:

- First round #4 vs. #1 and #3 vs. #2
- Finals are the winners of the first round.

Times of playoffs will be announced after each division finishes the season.

## League Meetings

There are a total of three meetings and an umpiring clinic. All meetings and umpiring clinic are mandatory.

1) General League Meeting: Representatives from all teams need to attend. This is the informational meeting. Teams will receive the schedules, balls, and other league information.

2) The Umpiring Clinic: At least two reps from each team must attend. This clinic helps us understand the rules and regulations of our league as well as field positioning. Failure to make this clinic will result in a fine.

3) Mid-Season Meeting: At least one representative per team. These meetings are to give information back to your team and to inform the league how your team is progressing spiritually and play-wise.

5) Wrap-up Meeting: At least one representative per team. All fines will be collected and deposits received. Please submit evaluations.

**These meetings are important so the lines of communication can occur. If your team does not attend these meetings there will be fines and other penalties.**

## Application, Rules, and Regulations

There is limited space so please submit early. CCU Churches have priority then it will be first come first serve.

Any team failing to meet the requirements stated in this document, in the 2010 Official Rules and Regulations, or at the general meetings **WITHOUT** a valid excuse or proper notification to the committee will be disciplined.

Due to fairness, all rules will be strictly enforced. Rules are made for the safety of everyone participating. At all times, the league strives to provide and promote a collaborative and Godly environment. Therefore, we ask that all teams adhere to the rules.

## Fines & Disciplinary Actions

The first infraction is a ***\$50 fine and first warning***. The second is a ***\$75 fine and last warning***. The third is a \$100 fine and may result in ***IMMEDIATE disqualification from the league and a one-year probationary period***. ***WE ARE NOT WITHOUT HEART***. If you have a legitimate excuse, we will try to be accommodating. However, we want teams to take this ministry seriously for the good of all.

Fines are instituted if your team:

- Does not attend league meetings or rep meetings.
- Does not attend the Umping Clinic (2 representatives)
- Does not show up for a scheduled Umping date or shows up late (3 Umpires needed per field).
- Do not show up for a scheduled game or have less than 9 players on the field at the start of official game time.
- If a participant displays improper conduct which does not reflect Christian character.
- If a participant fights, throws a punch, whether connected or not during any part of the game or after.

Suspensions are given out if:

- Any participant fights, throws a punch, whether connected or not during any part of the game or after.
- Any participant displays improper conduct, which does not reflect Christian character.

# Main Events and Activities

Family, friends, and congregation members are invited to all games and League BBQ and Awards. There also will be joint events with the other CCU sports leagues, which are open to all. These fellowship events are important for sharing the Gospel and celebrating as a Christian community. We encourage you and your team to attend. **Please make every effort to come.**

## Shirts

We are planning to sell sweatshirts and T-shirts this year before and near the beginning of the season. Prices will be announced. If you would like a shirt it is best to purchase it earlier to take advantage of an early bird price. If there are additional requests for shirts, we will try to order more in the middle of the season. The shirts sell quickly so get them while you can. Look for the shirts to be available to order online at the CCU Sports.com site.

## CCU Sports Kickoff

CCU Sports Kickoff is another event, which includes all CCU Sports Leagues. This is a great event where you can meet other participants, have fun, and fellowship with others. There are games, singing, prizes, and a guest speaker speaking on this year's theme.

## All-Star Fellowship Day

All-Star Fellowship Day is a day where participants from different teams play with each other to get to know one another and have fellowship. There will be also some activities planned. Stay tuned!

## Awards

Players will vote for Most Inspirational Player Awards and Team Fellowship Awards presented at the League BBQ. We need your help by submitting your nominees for various awards so we can purchase and have awards ready by the League BBQ. ***No trophies will be awarded for division champions.***

## End of the Year BBQ

End of the Year BBQ is softball's day to celebrate until we see each other next year. There is fun, food, awards given and a guest speaker. This is the most popular event of the year.

# League Applications

## Application Instructions

Please make sure you read all information on the applications before submitting. Applications can be downloaded online at CCUSports.com. There are 3 team sections to the application and 2 personal waivers to fill out by each participant. The following are descriptions and instructions for all sections and waivers:

**Team Information Section:** Information on your team is greatly appreciated. Please fill this out for identification reasons- which team you are and what church you are from. Please fill this out completely.

**Team Leadership Section:** We want to know who are your reps, spiritual leaders, captains, and coaches. This is where we can contact the right people who are the leaders of your team. Please fill this out completely.

**Team Rosters Section:** Please enter the names of people that are playing on your team and not from other people's team. This is important this year because of the new rules. Fill this out completely. You can add people on the roster until the end of June. We will only use personal e-mail addresses to e-mail league events and activities (i.e. Shirts, CCU Kickoff and End of the year BBQ).

**Universal CCU Sports Personal Liability Release and Waiver Form:** Please fill this out completely so we can have record of all who are playing. We need these forms for liability reasons. We are asking that each participant fills out one for CCU Sports online and a second copy for CCU Softball hand signed. The team captain or representative may also keep one on hand for emergency purposes.

**Universal CCU Sports Media Release Form:** We are planning to take pictures and video this year for the websites and, hopefully, end-of-the-year video. We need your authorization so we can use the pictures and video taken. Please fill these forms out completely. Again, we are asking that each participant fills out one for CCU Sports online and a second copy for CCU Softball hand signed.

**(Both the Universal CCU Sports Personal Liability Release and Waiver Form and Universal CCU Sports Media Release Form will be separate from the Application. They will be on a separate form.)**

## Fees

**\$575:** \$550 league fee and \$25 refundable fine deposit (*if postmarked by March 22<sup>nd</sup>*).

**\$600:** \$575 league fee and \$25 refundable fine deposit (*if postmarked after March 22<sup>nd</sup>*).

Fees may come from either a personal or church check. Please make checks payable to:  
**Chinese Christian Union**

Fees pay for insurance costs, facilities, supplies (e.g. balls, equipment, etc.), administrative expenses (e.g., postage, photocopying, etc.), awards, and most of the refreshments and food at the league BBQ.

## Due Date

**Applications must be postmarked no later than April 5th. APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER April 6th WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. SORRY, NO HAND DELIVERIES, FAXING, OR E-MAILING OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Waivers are due before the first day of play. Waivers are required for all participants.**

## Checklist

Make sure you have downloaded from the CCU Website:

- 2010 CCU Softball League Information Guide
  - 2010 CCU Softball League Rules and Regulations
  - 2010 CCU Softball League Application
    - 2010 CCU Softball Team Information
    - 2010 CCU Softball Leadership Information
    - 2010 CCU Softball Team Roster
  - 2010 CCU Sports Universal Personal Liability Release and Waiver Form\*
  - 2010 CCU Sports Universal Media Release Form\*
- \*You will need to have each participant fill one out online for CCU Sports and one hand signed for CCU Softball.**

Please read over all material carefully. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

A complete application must have:

- 2010 CCU Softball Team Information
- 2010 CCU Softball Leadership Information
- 2010 CCU Softball Official Team Roster
- Registration fee (please make checks payable to CCU)  
Postmarked by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Send in complete application to:  
2009 CCU Softball League  
C/o Dom Lau  
3820 Anza Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121

**NO HAND DELIVERIES, FAXES OR E-MAILING OF APPLICATIONS**

Questions? E-mail [CCU\\_Softball@yahoo.com](mailto:CCU_Softball@yahoo.com) attention Mel Fong or Dom Lau.

## Committee

Commissioner	Mel Fong
Fellowship	Marc Bartolome
Finance	Dom Lau
Communications	Peony Cheung
Scheduling	Jessica Sue
Fields	Stephen Kwong
Rules & Regulations	John Tam
Rules & Regulations / Events	Jason Quintal
Rules & Regulations / Equipment	Danny Ng
Rules & Regulations / T-shirts	Gordon Lee
BBQ	Mike Ng
Awards	Matt Chin

## Contacts

We do have two websites you can visit. One is the CCU Sports website [www.CCUSports.com](http://www.CCUSports.com) which includes information, instructions, rules & regulations, scores, and standings.

The other is a website [www.ccusoftball.blogspot.com](http://www.ccusoftball.blogspot.com) which is dedicated to what our league stands for and contains insight on how the league is doing during the regular season. We run this website year round. You can also leave messages on the site. Please be aware that this is a public website so let's keep it positive.

You can contact any committee member at [CCU\\_Softball@yahoo.com](mailto:CCU_Softball@yahoo.com) or from the CCU Softball Directory (A directory will be issued to team leaders). Please do not e-mail to any committee members personal e-mails. Please make sure that when you e-mail, specify which committee you wish to e-mail on the subject line.