# 2024 Fresno Grizzlies Media Guidelines

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## MEDIA CREDENTIALS:

2024 Fresno Grizzlies media credentials will be issued only to accredited media members. Grizzlies season credentials will be issued to media outlets that cover the Grizzlies on a daily basis. To request media credentials, please contact Stephen Rice at sice@fresnogrizzlies.com. The Grizzlies require 24-hour notice for all daily credential requests. Credential requests should be sent via email to srice@fresnogrizzlies.com from a sports editor, sports director or photo editor. All weekend requests should be made by 3 p.m. on the Thursday prior. Under no circumstances are media credentials to be transferred from person to person without the consent of the Fresno Grizzlies. Violation of this policy may result in the informing of the League office, dismissal of the media member from Chukchansi Park, and confiscation of the violator's media credential for the remainder of the 2024 season. Credentials may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Fresno Grizzlies. **CREDENTIALS MUST BE VISIBLY WORN AT ALL TIMES.** 

#### MEDIA ENTRY:

All approved media members will be subject to Club discretion and its standards/policies that will govern entry, which are described in Minor League Baseball's 2024 Operations Manual. Clubs may begin to allow media into the ballpark no more than three hours prior to first pitch. Per Major League Baseball, ALL members of the media entering Chukchansi Park MUST sign the Media Credential Release of Liability Waiver form before entering the ballpark. These files will be kept by Stephen Rice. If a media member is unwilling to sign, they will not be allowed to enter the ballpark. Media must leave the ballpark no later than 90 minutes following the conclusion of the game.

#### MEDIA PARKING:

There will be a limited number of media parking spots beyond the outfield wall along Inyo Street. Additional parking for media members will be made available in the stadium solar lot on H Street. If driving a vehicle that is not clearly marked as a media vehicle, contact Stephen Rice for parking privileges and/or entry to the ballpark. If the media member can't follow these guidelines, they will not have access to the ballpark for that game.

#### PRESS BOX:

The Press Box is located on the third level of Chukchansi Park and opens three hours before game time. The Chukchansi Park press box is for WORKING members of the media ONLY. The Fresno Grizzlies will provide food service to media covering the game or event. Media members are permitted to bring outside food into the ballpark, subject to Club approval and screening upon entry. If you have any food allergies or do not like any future offered meals, the Fresno Grizzlies have concession options located on the first level of Chukchansi Park. Please contact Stephen Rice for any questions on this matter.

## **GAME NOTES AND STATISTICS:**

Grizzlies Game Notes and Statistics, along with Team Rosters, will be made available via access code in the press box three hours prior to the start of each game. Lineups are made available in the Chukchansi Park press box approximately two hours prior to game time. If the media member would like a printed copy of the game notes, please contact Stephen Rice and he will gladly provide a printed copy.

# LIMITED NUMBER OF APPROVED MEDIA:

Since the total number of people allowed in a facility is subject to local laws and orders, the Fresno Grizzlies reserve the right to make approvals of media applications based on the applicable local guidance and the ability to safely physically distance all media, including by, if necessary, prohibiting media access on any given day (even for those who hold otherwise valid credentials).

# **FOLLOWING HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES:**

By receiving a media credential, a media member agrees to observe all MLB, MiLB and Fresno Grizzlies rules; any applicable government orders in a local market; and other precautionary steps that are in place to preserve health and safety. Covid-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. An inherent risk of exposure to Covid-19 exists in any public place regardless of precautions that may be taken. An approved media member shall agree to (a) assume all risks associated with Covid-19 and other communicable diseases, and (b) comply with all related health & safety policies of the Fresno Grizzlies and Chukchansi Park. By using the credential, the media member is deemed to have given full release of liability to the released parties to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure to comply with any health and safety initiatives will result in a loss of access to the ballpark.

# RESTRICTED AREAS:

Approved media members will not be permitted in Restricted Areas such as the home and visitor clubhouses, locker rooms, batting tunnels, playing fields, dugouts, training rooms, weight rooms, interview rooms and any route inside the ballpark/facility utilized by players, coaches and field staff. If a media member fails to comply with any of these guidelines, it will result in a loss of access to the ballpark.

# **CREDENTIALING:**

A limited number of media members (including photographers) may receive credentials and access to certain Non-Restricted Areas.

- A) All media must apply for a daily credential with Stephen Rice at least 24 hours before a game. Advance notice is vital in order to have priority for access to these areas.
- B) Media members who plan to travel for road games of the Fresno Grizzlies must communicate their plans to Stephen Rice prior to each road trip. Stephen Rice will also coordinate with the opposing team's media contact for rules and access to the facilities.

# WORKSPACE:

Media members are limited to the workspace provided for them and MUST NOT ENTER other areas of the facility unless accompanied by Stephen Rice. Stephen Rice can also deny any media members access to other areas and that media member must abide by his decision.

# INTERVIEWS/VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS:

All pregame and postgame interviews shall be coordinated by Stephen Rice. If the player and or coach is not available for an in-person interview, there is an option for a virtual interview. That must also be set up by Stephen Rice, the media member and on-field personnel that would be interviewed.

- A) No media member will have direct access to players, the manager or other baseball operations personnel.
- B) Media members must be understanding that the on-field personnel run a very rigid schedule and the interviews may need to be rescheduled and or cancelled. If that is the case, Stephen Rice will work with the media member to reschedule the interview based off of timeframe.
- C) These policies are subject to ongoing review by Major League Baseball and its Clubs, based on the advice of medical experts and the applicable local guidance in the host city to determine if these rules will change during the course of the season.

## **EXPECTED MEDIA AVAILABILITY:**

Interviews via video conference or telephone shall include:

- A) Managers should be available postgame. Postgame interviews with managers should begin approximately 20 minutes after the final out of the game. Pregame interviews of the manager will need to be arranged through Stephen Rice.
- B) Players Most Relevant to a Game's Outcome should be made available postgame, soon after the completion of the manager's media availability.
- C) Special Requests should be accommodated when possible, particularly when circumstances warrant (milestones, homecomings, injuries, etc.).

#### USE OF VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC:

- A) Use of photographs, images, videos, audio, livestreams or other accounts or descriptions (including play-by-play data) (whether text, data or visual), in any media, of all or any part of the games or related events ("Event Information") for non-news coverage or commercial purposes is prohibited, except as otherwise approved in a MLB
- B) While games or non-game events are in progress, (a) any media member shall not transmit or display video, audio, pictures, photographs or other non-text accounts or descriptions of games or non-game events in any media and (b) other information may not be transmitted more than once every half-inning of play. Anyone violating these policies will have their credentials revoked.
- C) The following represents our camera and video equipment guidelines: Cameras with 3-inch lenses or shorter are permitted, Camera bags are prohibited inside Chukchansi Park, Lights may not be used with video recording equipment, Tripods and monopods are prohibited (including selfie sticks) and Guests may not reproduce or rebroadcast any films or photographs shot at the stadium without the expressed written consent of the Fresno Grizzlies.

## PHOTOGRAPHY:

Clubs may credential still photographers from outside media outlets. Still photographers will shoot the game from specific, designated areas of the ballpark and must get permission from Stephen Rice to go outside these areas. Photographers may only enter the dugout camera wells through the seating bowl and are strictly prohibited from entering the playing field to gain access to the camera wells. The Fresno Grizzlies will detail for photographers which portions of the seating bowl they may access. Photographers may also shoot from any of the off-field photo locations throughout the ballpark with Fresno Grizzlies approval. At no point should a photographer enter the playing field, clubhouse, interview room or other Restricted Area. Also note, photographers may not fraternize with on-field personnel at any point during the game under any circumstance. Anyone violating these policies will be asked to leave the premises and will have their credentials revoked. The following also represents our camera and video equipment guidelines: Cameras with 3-inch lenses or shorter are permitted, Camera bags are prohibited inside Chukchansi Park, Lights may not be used with video recording equipment, Tripods and monopods are prohibited (including selfie sticks) and Guests may not reproduce or rebroadcast any films or photographs shot at the stadium without the expressed written consent of the Fresno Grizzlies.

# **ROVING CAMERAS:**

Television stations are prohibited from using a "roving" camera inside Chukchansi Park without permission from Stephen Rice. At no time are camera crews allowed into the seating areas at Chukchansi Park. Interviews with fans are allowed only with approval from the Fresno Grizzlies.

# **AUTOGRAPH POLICY:**

Under no circumstances are credentialed media members permitted to seek autographs at Chukchansi Park. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave the premises and will have their credentials revoked.

# **INJURY RISK:**

All media members assume all risks incidental to their services and activities related to the Fresno Grizzlies games/events and agrees that Released Parties shall not be liable for any personal injury (including death), property damage, or other loss suffered in connection with the games/events and/or the negligence of Released Parties to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# **GENERAL PRINCIPLES:**

- A) Media credentials are not transferable.
- B) The Commissioner's Office reserves the right to revoke inappropriately issued credentials.

For more Grizzlies Media information: <a href="https://www.milb.com/fresno/fans/qameday">https://www.milb.com/fresno/fans/qameday</a>
For more Grizzlies News/Press Releases: <a href="https://www.milb.com/fresno/news">https://www.milb.com/fresno/fans/qameday</a>
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- C) Under no circumstances shall any club discriminate in any fashion against an accredited member of the media based upon race, creed, sex or national origin.
- D) MLB's Code of Conduct must be posted prominently at each ballpark, including in clubhouses and media areas. Harassment, physical abuse or threats directed to members of the media (and/or official scorers) by baseball personnel will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action, including fines and suspensions, will be considered in any cases that arise.
- E) Any club whose personnel violate these regulations will be disciplined. Any member of the media who violates these regulations will lose his or her accreditation.

To be involved in Grizzlies Community Events: https://www.milb.com/fresno/community				
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