Living in Cheney is great. Thanks to the dynamic environment provided by students at Eastern Washington University, all residents enjoy a fun and vibrant community.

But, just like in sports, there have to be rules and referees to make sure everyone has a chance to truly enjoy the benefits of life in Cheney.

Because we all play on the same field, the Cheney City Council has made several city codes to protect the health and safety of all citizens.

Since nobody can figure out all of the rules of a game just by watching, this “rule book” will point out some of the codes that get the most 5-yard penalties in Cheney.

**Maintaining Your Stadium**

For the health and safety of your fans, players and spectators, here are some rules to maintaining your stadium.

**No Upholstered Furniture Outside** - You may love that old couch on your porch, but it’s illegal in the City of Cheney. Putting furniture that’s not made for outdoor use on your porch, in your yard, or on your deck is like adding bleachers to the middle of the field.

**Grass & Weeds** - Roos Field may be “The Inferno,” but you don’t want your lawn to get that name. Unkempt or un-watered lawns can pose a major fire hazard. Keep grass and weeds less than 10” tall at all times.

**Inoperative Vehicles** - When players get a bum wheel, EWU trainers get them off the field quickly because they can get treated much better on the sidelines than in the middle of the game. Inoperative or unlicensed vehicles must be parked out of sight in Cheney. If you’re doing major repair work on your vehicle, it has to be done in an approved structure. Any vehicle parked on the street has to be moved at least once every 72 hours.

**Snow and Ice Removal** - Slippery surfaces are dangerous on a sports field, or on Cheney’s streets. That’s why it’s important not to get a blocking penalty when street crews are trying to clear the roads. If a storm drops 2” of snow or more, any car left on a city street between midnight and 6 a.m. can get a $50 fine for blocking snow plows.

**Blowing the Whistle**

Enforcement of nuisance and noise codes in Cheney is a proactive process, but is also complaint-driven. Depending on the nature of the issue, city staff will try to work with the offenders to fix the problem before issuing a citation.

“Students aren’t guests in the community. For four years, students ARE the community.”

—Tom Trulove, Mayor
Managing Your Team

Your team is made up of an all-star cast of players. Make sure you don’t get a silly penalty.

**Living Arrangements** - To maintain consistent neighborhoods, some areas of the city have different standards for how many unrelated people can live together in a single unit. To avoid getting flagged for too many men on the field, just call the Cheney Planning Department at 509-498-9240 to find out if you live in an R-1 or R-2 zone.

**Disorderly Conduct** - In football, a lot of things can get a flag for unsportsmanlike conduct. In Cheney, disorderly conduct also covers a lot of issues from urinating in public to fighting. Just like in football, it’s not always the person who starts a fight that gets caught. Be on the safe side; don’t run the risk of getting into a fight.

**Noise Ordinance** - Your friends may be your biggest fans, but there’s no need to create a home-field advantage at your stadium. If you’ve got the place where everyone wants to be, that also means you’re responsible for what happens there. Some noise ordinance violations can result in a misdemeanor and up to a $1,000 fine. Check the Cheney Police web page for more noise ordinance rules.

**Alcohol to Minors** - Banned substances don’t just get players in trouble, but those who provide them too. 21 means 21.

**Utility Services**

**Connecting to Electricity, Water, Sewer, & Garbage** - Contact the City of Cheney Finance Department at 509-498-9209 to connect or disconnect services. It’s your responsibility to contact the Finance Department if you don’t receive a bill within the first week of every month. Unpaid utility accounts are subject to disconnect each month.

**Trash Day** - To determine your collection day, contact the Cheney Public Works Department at 509-498-9293.

**When you move** - Utility deposits are non-negotiable or transferable to another person or location. You must disconnect your utilities when moving out of, or to another location in, Cheney. Call the City of Cheney Finance Department to schedule a disconnect, and a final bill or refund will be sent to your forwarding address in 5-10 business days.

**Phone / Internet**
- **CenturyLink** - Phone and internet services in Cheney and surrounding areas
  www.centurylink.com
- **Davis Communications** - Cable TV and internet services. Contact them at www.daviscomm.net

**Electricity & Natural Gas**
- **Cheney Light Department** - Electric utility service within the city limits and approximately 1/4 mile outside the city. Call 509-498-9209.
- **Inland Power & Light** - Electric provider for much of the 99004 zip code outside of the city limits. www.inlandpower.com
- **Avista Utilities** - Natural gas service provider in Cheney. www.avistautilities.com