Welcome Group

We thank you for coming to Casa de Niños and trust that you time here will be rewarding for you, the children and staff of Casa de Niños. Groups are am important part of this ministry and we are trying to make it work better and better. It is our desire to see these children reach a goal that God has placed before them; a goal that this world has made difficult for them to attain.

1. The children are the heart of this place but the staff in the like the mind. We need to work together and one cannot be without the other. While you are here encourage and pray for the staff. Love the children.
2. Assume that you are not here by chance or even your choice.
3. Everything we do is for the good of the children, even if you do not see it that way. Consider these points.

**Pray hard for us to have wisdom, for the sake of these children.**

# We are limited by funds

* 1. You are in a different culture
  2. For sure we will not do things the way that you think are best.
  3. We are not perfect.
  4. Funds or items that you bring will be used by our judgment for the best of the children. (We have been at this for many years.)

We need rules to teach the children limits. This is a struggle with any institution that will have ever-changing staff, and many visitors. One teacher per classroom is more effective than several.

Let’s work together.

Casa de Ninos Frank Gonzalez

**Rules & Regulations of the Casa de Ninos: Groups**

Thank you for being willing to come in God’s name to serve at Casa de Niños.

Because we need to be faithful to God, to protect our children, we must have rules of behavior and conduct.

1. Pray continually that God would guide you in your conduct, and let common sense and your conscience guide you.
2. While you are at the Casa, you are under the authority of the Casa.
3. You cannot take any child off the Casa property.
4. You need to ask permission of the house parent or supervisor to give a child money or an item.
5. No child can be in your room or the place that you are staying.
6. You must receive permission to go into a child’s room from a houseparent or from another authority, and you must knock and ask if you can come in.
7. There is to be no foul language in any language.
8. Always dress modestly; a dress code follows this page.
9. No female is allowed in the boy’s section, and no male is allowed in the girl’s section, without permission from a staff member who has the authority to grant permission
10. If your group is staying at the Casa, and you are under the age of 18, you may not leave the grounds, this includes during daylight hours, without permission from a leader of your group.
11. If you are over the age of 18, you must let someone from your group know that you are leaving and when you expect to be back, and always leave in pairs.
12. When it is dark, and if you are a female you should not leave the grounds alone. You should be in groups of at least three and one should be a male.
13. It is the responsibility of the group leadership to let the kitchen staff know when the group will not be eating a meal at the Casa. We do not want to waste resources that God has provided.
14. At no time are animals allowed in the buildings.
15. No member of a group can discipline a child; if a child needs discipline, you need to notify a house parent or the supervisor. Do protect the children from each other, separate them and do it gently.
16. Please be wise when you play with the children, do not be too rough.
17. Do not encourage children to jump from playground equipment. They will try to show off for you, they need you to be the wise adult, and to protect them.
18. Children of any age are not permitted to make phone calls from your cell phones or from any phone in the Casa de Niños, they must have permission from one of their house-parents.
19. If you are not married and have a relationship with one of your group members of the opposite sex there is to be no public display of affection, anywhere on the grounds of the Casa. You are not to be alone together.
20. Girls do not flirt with Mexican boys or men; they will interpret it in ways that you do not mean.
21. We do not allow any of our children to have a dating relationship with members of the opposite sex.
22. If you are staying at the Casa and you come in after the children have gone to bed, you must be as quite as possible.
23. If you play music, it must not be too loud, it must be Christian, and give glory to God.
24. Do not go outside of your room, in only your underwear or only wrapped in a towel; this includes men and boys.
25. Always wear something on your feet, even in the shower.
26. Because the water contains much chlorine try to keep water out of your eyes.

*Thank you and have a wonderful time in your visit to Casa de Niños.*

Dress Code

**We want to teach our kids that dressing modest is the wisest thing to do.**

**You can help us by following this dress code.**

Women:

1. No clothing can be tight or transparent.
2. Dresses and skirts should come to the knee; whether they are sleeveless or not, dresses and blouses must cover the shoulders. They must not show any cleavage. If sleeveless the opening under the arm should be modest.
3. The bottom of shorts must reach the fingertips when your arms are by your side.
4. Pants are acceptable including blue jeans.
5. Clean t-shirts with no offensive words or graphics are acceptable.

Men:

1. No clothing can be tight or transparent.
2. Blue jeans are acceptable.
3. The bottom of shorts must reach the fingertips when your arms are by your side.
4. Shirts must be worn at all times, and always buttoned. Clean t-shirts with no offensive words or graphics are acceptable.