

NYFL Code of Conduct

The Northeast Youth Football League (NYFL) believes that in youth football winning games should not be pursued as an end in itself, or, at all costs. The real value of this program is developing “1 – 10” players, winners in a winning relationship. Interdependence, self-confidence, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, and discipline – if each NYFL team is successful in developing these characteristics in their players via football, then we will have helped them win in life, as well as on the playing field.

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sport even and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and/or other sporting event.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, cheerleader, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
9. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
10. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players and cheerleaders during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
11. I will show respect towards parents, fellow and opposing coaches and all volunteers.
12. I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
13. The only people allowed to speak to the referee on game day is the head coach.

Remember that youth football should be an enjoyable experience for players, parents, and coaches alike. Encourage your child to have fun, make friends, and develop lifelong skills and values through their participation in the sport.

By adhering to this code of conduct, parents/guardians can contribute to a positive and supportive environment for youth football, fostering the personal development, well-being, and enjoyment of all players involved.

Furthermore, I agree that in the event that my conduct results in my ejection by a referee or other official or in my removal from the field by any other person such as league officials, I will be automatically suspended from attending, coaching, officiating or participating in the following game(s) per the guidelines put forth in the NYFL Rulebook (Section 2.6.1).

Player's Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Signature of Parents/Guardians: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Coach or Volunteer: _____