# St. Ann Golden Eagles Player Code of Conduct



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### Purpose

The purpose of this Player Code of Conduct for our youth football organization is to foster a positive and respectful environment, promoting sportsmanship, fair play, and the overall well-being of our young athletes. By adhering to these guidelines, parents contribute to the development of a supportive community that prioritizes the physical, emotional, and social growth of our youth, ensuring an enriching and enjoyable football experience for all involved. This code of conduct will also be guided by the league's code of conduct policy.

## Roles and Responsibilities

The Director of Policy is responsible for the content and compliance of this policy.

The football council is responsible for reviewing and approving this policy at least annually to ensure it continues to encourage and maintain a positive atmosphere for our young athletes.

## **Proper Conduct for Players**

Respect

Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect, both on and off the field.

Effort and Attitude

Give your best effort and maintain a positive attitude during practices and games.

**Teamwork** 

Embrace teamwork and collaboration with teammates. Support and encourage each other.

**Follow Rules** 

Abide by the rules and guidelines set by coaches and league officials.

Fair Play

Play fairly and avoid unsportsmanlike conduct. Winning is important, but fair competition is paramount.

Communication

Communicate respectfully with coaches, teammates, and opponents. Discuss concerns directly with coaches

Responsible Conduct

Represent the St. Ann Golden Eagles with pride and uphold a positive image on and off the field.

## Violation of the Player Code of Conduct

St. Ann Golden Eagle Football Council will lean heavily on the organization's coaching staff to address violations of the team's player code of conduct. This council recommends mentoring children with an abundance of grace and mercy instead of an iron fist. However the council understands that there may come a time where additional measures are needed. In more severe cases of code of conduct violations, a more consequential disciplinary action sequence as governed below. In these cases, the Director of Policy will issue a formal record of violation with the council. Upon recommendation of the council, the Quality Control sub-committee will review and issue any formal disciplinary measures.

## **Disciplinary Action**

The Quality Control sub-council will review all code of conduct violations and recommend necessary and appropriate disciplinary actions to the football council. The following guidelines may be used however more serious violations will be acted upon swiftly and appropriately.

#### Verbal Warning

Initial violation may result in a verbal warning from coaches or organization officials.

#### Written Warning

Persistent or more serious violations may lead to a written warning outlining the issue and expected behavior.

#### Probation

Continued rule violations may result in a probationary period with specific conditions for improvement.

#### Suspension

In cases of severe or repeated misconduct, suspension from participation may be implemented.

#### **Expulsion**

For egregious or continued violations, expulsion from the organization may be considered. An expulsion from the organization involving a parent may also include the necessity to remove the child for the safety and well-being of athletes involved.

These codes of conduct and policies are designed to foster a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment within the St. Ann Golden Eagles Youth Football and Cheer Organization. St. Ann Golden Eagles Youth Football and Cheer will abide by any code of conduct actions recommended and/or approved by the league's Board.