

Pocono Bobcats Youth Football Association

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Parents Code of Conduct

Responsibilities & Expectations:

- Parents have a responsibility to their children as well as other the children within the program to show unwavering support, positive reinforcement for your child's performance and effort. Be positive role models including showing proper sportsmanship at all times refraining from negativity. Be a 'team fan', and not just a 'my kid' fan.
- Parents have a responsibility to the coaches to show respect and be supportive of their decisions. Do not undermine their efforts. If you do not agree with a coach, you are free to tell the coach, but make sure it is done at the appropriate time and place and not in front of the children. Parents are expected to be present for all practices and on time for games.
- Parents/spectators have responsibility to other parents. Good plays should be cheered, and disappointments deserve to be consoled no matter whose team it affects. Taunting is never acceptable. No parent should ever feel embarrassed or disappointed by their team or child's performance.
- Parents have a responsibility to themselves. It is your responsibility to watch your child and other children participate, learn, and have fun. The joy and pride associated with watching children participate in sports should be experienced to the fullest.

Therefore, parents should encourage student-athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, and should model good sportsmanship by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. For a child to participate in Pocono Bobcats Youth Football Association, the child's parents must obey this Code of Conduct. Parents must be responsible for their words and actions while attending Pocono Bobcats football events, home or away, and obey this Code of Conduct. Parents must **NOT** engage in or encourage their child or anyone else to engage in:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
- Any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
- The use of profanity;
- Treating any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee with disrespect based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability;
- Verbal or physical threats or abuse of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
- Initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;

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- Coaching any player from the sidelines or stands during competition, as this may be distracting to the individual and the team, and may directly conflict with the coach's strategy;
- Approaching a coach to discuss the coach's strategy or the playing time of a player immediately before, during or after a game. Please wait until the next day to contact a coach.

Parents must address any concerns with their age level coach directly, in a respectful manner at an appropriate time (never on the same day as a game). If the concerns are then not addressed to the parents' satisfaction, they should bring concerns to the Player/Parent Representative (unless this was already covered by step one), then they should contact members of the board to schedule an appointment to discuss any concerns with all involved parties.

This team code of conduct is prepared in conjunction with and does not supersede policies set forth by the Pocono Bobcats Youth Football Association. Parents who violate this Code of Conduct while attending a Pocono Bobcats athletic event, home or away, will be subject to disciplinary action by authorized game or Pocono Bobcats board members, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

Verbal or written warning;
Suspension or immediate ejection from a sports event; and/or
Season suspension or multiple season suspension

Let the players . . . play
Let the coaches . . . coach
Let the officials . . . officiate
Parents and spectators . . . support this event with class, dignity and respect for all.

Parent /Guardian Signature

Date

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