

Northwest Ravens Youth Football Code of Conduct

Our mission is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for authority figures (Directors, Coaches, and Game Officials). NYF will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any Parent, Player, or Spectator. Spectators, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all NYF events (including practice). While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of NYF.

Athlete's Code

Team: _____

I will:

- Have fun!
- Be a good sport (win or lose), be honest and fair.
- Learn the value of commitment to the team; sportsmanship, ethical conducts, and fair play.
- Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, coaches, cheerleaders and officials.
- Know that athletic contests are educational experiences.
- Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and league officials.

I will not:

- Use profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during, or after any game.
- Display any unsportsmanlike behavior (fighting, gestures, etc).
- Criticize my teammates or players from other teams.
- Act in any way that may incite spectators.

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Child's Signature

Team

Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

As a parent or spectator, I will:

- Support the coaches, players, and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- Support my child's team and help my child and NYF make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
- Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship and patience at all times.
- Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
- Stay behind the designated spectator line during games.

As a parent or spectator, I will not:

- Interfere or interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
- Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
- Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or NYF.
- Under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic or tobacco products and the possession or use of any illegal substance on school grounds (games or practice).

Consequences of Behavior

Anyone who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official; coach, spectator, NYF staff or board member will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator. Anyone who physically assaults an official, coach, or NYF staff or board member will be banned from all NYF functions and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement whether initiated or in self defense. Anyone violating NYF code of conduct will be suspended from all NYF practices and events.

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Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Team

X

Print Name

Print Child's name