

Flag Football Players, Coaches, & Parents - Code of Conduct

* Before you register your team, all players, parents and coaches must agree, or all games will be forfeited.

PLAYERS

- *Play by the rules*
- *Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.*
- *Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviors in any sport.*
- *Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you*
- *Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.*
- *Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.*
- *Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.*
- *Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.*
- *Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion*

COACHES

- *I shall not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials, program coordinators, coaches, or teams. Public criticism of officials, players, program coordinators, or coaches is unethical.*
- *I will treat all players, coaches, officials, event staff, and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.*
- *I will not use profanity.*
- *I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and contest administrators at every game.*
- *I will respect the volunteers that are assisting with practice or youth flag football events.*
- *I will shake hands with the opposing team and coaches after a game.*
- *I will place the emotional and physical well-being of others ahead of my personal desire to win.*
- *I will provide a positive sports environment for my team at all youth flag football events.*
- *I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.*
- *I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.*
- *I will respect and adhere to the policies and procedures of the Flag Football Programs and Leagues.*
- *I understand that the SFRPD Staff has the right to remove any coach whose actions are not proper towards players, fans, coaches, officials, and staff*

PARENTS

- *Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.*
- *Encourage children to participate, do not force them.*
- *Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.*
- *Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without disrespecting others.*
- *Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
- *Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.*
- *Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.*
- *Respect officials' decision and teach children to do likewise.*
- *Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.*
- *Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.*

SFRPD and the Flag Football League have a zero tolerance for fighting! Fighting will lead to suspension or more.

Parents, athletes and coaches are advised that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for team.

It is the coach's responsibility to maintain their team's sportsmanship.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Flag Football requires that all parents and spectators maintain good sportsmanship throughout the course of the event. We promote a great youth sports atmosphere, and we encourage everyone to cheer and get loud and support their son or daughters' team. But do not let it get out of control. As an adult, please set a good example for all the children at this great event. If you are asked to leave the event, your son or daughter may be asked to leave with you. Your team may also forfeit the game. If a fight breaks out, the league staff will clear the field of all spectators if deemed necessary.

SFRPD and the Flag Football League will not tolerate any of the following:

- *Cursing by any parents*
- *Yelling at game officials regarding calls*
- *Yelling or arguing with fans of the opposing team*
- *Any negative or derogatory comments towards opposing players*

MISBEHAVIOR / EJECTIONS

1. *Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.*
2. *Athletes ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game. Additional penalties may be imposed.*
3. *If a coach or athlete is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike behavior (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game*
4. *If a coach or athlete is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.*
5. *Coaches or athletes who leave the bench area to engage coaches, athletes or officials on the playing floor, they may be suspended by Flag Football Staff for any period up to the duration of the tournament.*
6. *The League Director may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occur at any time and at any location during the event.*
7. *Coaches and athletes who engage in misbehavior may be subject to additional disciplinary action from the Flag Football League Director. Penalties may include suspension from future Flag Football Leagues.*

****By signing the roster and playing in the Flag Football league, ALL agree with the rules above, and will follow them to the best of my ability as a player, coach, or parents.***