

# Northeast Junior High Football League Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Junior High Football League (NJHFL) has established the following Code of Conduct and expect all league members to follow it and implement it. This also includes anyone who attends any NJHFL event(s).

Those who fail to follow the Code of Conduct will be subject to league action(s). Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension or the season forfeiture of the privilege of participating/attending any, and all NJHFL events.

**Our codes of conduct hold an important message about the proper role of parents, spectators, coaches, managers, cheerleaders and players in our league.**

## PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Parent/Spectator, I will provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in NJHFL by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing or taunting
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or others during games.
- Cursing at another team or any player, coach, referee on the field or sidelines has a zero tolerance policy.
- I understand alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind are prohibited from all NFHFL events.

**Those who fail to abide by this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the NJHFL Board of Directors (during the off-season) or the League Commissioner (during the season) and/or their representative that could include, but is not limited to the following at their discretion:**

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Game(s) suspension
- Season suspension
- Banned from all league activities

## COACH AND VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

**The NJHFL Board of Directors expects all coaches, board members of each organization, as well as anyone participating in a NJHFL event, to abide by the following:**

- Remember that I am a youth sports coach/volunteer and that the game is for children, not adults.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my own desire to win.
- Understand that the objective of the NJHFL is to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, respect for authority and team building.
- Strive to help those who participate become happy, well-adjusted children who will evolve into good citizens.
- Treat each participant as an individual, realizing the large range of development for the same age group.
- Realize that statistics and win/loss percentages are minor in comparison to whether a player has a positive, enriching experience.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Notify all spectators that they are responsible for abiding by the Code of Conduct.
- Do my best to provide a safe playing environment, free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injured players.
- Learn the by-laws and official rules and regulations of the NJHFL.
  - o Teach these rules to the players, and enforce them with the parents.
- Understand that the NJHFL is committed to running a league based on what is best for all participants.
- Understand that any of the following actions, while in the presence of players, will result in disciplinary action by the league up to and including removal as Coach (or Assistant Coach)/volunteer of your team:
  1. Display of poor sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior
  2. Loss of temper and/or self-control
  3. Intentionally or otherwise, allowing a score of a game to get out of control.
  4. Demonstrating an obvious lack of integrity by intentional manipulation of the rules
  5. Use of bad language, including derogatory remarks
  6. Allowing players to trash talk opponents, officials, spectators, others
  7. Use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco while around the team

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## PLAYERS/CHEERLEADERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Players/Cheerleaders responsibilities are simple: be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, and always do your best, and always exhibit good sportsmanship.

As a NJHFL participant:

- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, and parents/spectators
- Be a team player and support my teammates.
- Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- Encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity.
- Congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of sportsmanship.
- Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others.
- Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- Obey the rules of the game and always work for the good of the team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with grace and never challenge or question calls.
- Refrain from challenging or questioning on-field calls by officials and/or managers and coaches.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity.
- Applaud the efforts of my teammates and opponents.

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