

Peninsula Youth Football & Cheer Association (PYFC) - Code of Conduct

Peninsula Youth Football & Cheer (PYFC) believes that: participation in any sports program plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our youth. It is essential for PYFC to provide a positive and enjoyable learning experience for youth, teaching sportsmanship, fair play, integrity, honor, respect, loyalty, personal courage, and dedication through the game of football and cheer. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of such statements and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. PYFC has established this Code of Conduct and requires that you commit to be responsible for your words and actions while attending, or participating in all events and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

Coach's Code of Conduct

With regard to PYFC Equipment

1. I understand that the gear I check out is intended for reuse for several years.
2. It is my responsibility to have safe and clean storage of gear and to return all gear as it was received. Loss and damage beyond normal wear and tear is not acceptable.
3. It is my responsibility to assure all gear is turned in at gear handback and any damage that has occurred is reported to equipment manager.

With regard to my players:

4. I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in football and cheer.
5. I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
6. I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
7. I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
8. I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules set forth by PYFC & NYFL.
9. I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.

With regard to opposing teams:

1. I believe that the way my team conducts itself has an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.
2. I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
3. I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
4. Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will speak in a negative manner toward any member or spectator from the opposing team.
6. I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

With regard to Referees:

1. I believe that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
2. I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
3. I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
4. I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.
5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

Other items:

1. We expect you to create a FUN environment for the kids
2. We expect the kids to work hard and get better every day – they are having fun & working hard, we have accomplished our goal
3. We expect coaches to remain positive; it's not all about winning
4. We expect constant communication with your parents – emails, website, phone calls, etc.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referees, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. **Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.** Any coach showing this type of behavior shall be subject to disciplinary action as dictated by and at the discretion of the PYFC Board of Directors.

I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by PYFC which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or my rights to participate as a coach for Peninsula Youth Football & Cheer Association.

Name of Coach _____

Team _____

Signed _____ Date _____