

Ranchos Youth Football and Cheer Parent Code of Conduct

For the purpose of this code of conduct Ranchos Youth Football and Cheer

will be noted as RYF.

1. Basic Rules

- All participants (players, cheerleaders, coaches, and parents) are expected to demonstrate respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship at all times.
- This is a youth sport, and everyone is here to have fun, learn, and grow. Mistakes will happen, and everyone should approach each game and practice with a positive attitude.
- You are responsible for all persons attending all RYF functions on behalf of your child(ren).

2. Being Supportive

- All players, cheerleaders, coaches, and parents must foster a supportive environment. Positive encouragement and constructive feedback should be the focus for both your team and the opposing team.
- No booing, taunting, or negative cheering will be tolerated.

3. No Arguing or Fighting Among Parents

- Parents are not allowed to argue, fight, or engage in any confrontational behavior with other parents, coaches, or league officials at any practice, game or RYF functions. All issues must be reported to league officials for resolution.

4. Social Media Conduct

- Participants (players, cheerleaders, and parents or guardians) must refrain from posting any derogatory or critical comments about the program, its players, coaches, volunteers, or officials on social media or public forums, including SportsEngine.
- Any form of “blasting” coaches, the program, or league officials in a public forum is strictly prohibited.
- If it is discovered that social media is being used in a negative manner to harass, harm, or defame the program, its players, volunteers, or officials, disciplinary action will be taken.

5. Parents’ Role During Practices

- Parents are not permitted on the practice field. They must remain in the designated viewing areas at all times unless otherwise invited by the coaching staff or RYF Board

6. Coaches Are Volunteers

- Coaches dedicate their time to the program as volunteers. They are not professional coaches and should be treated with respect and gratitude for their commitment to the team.
- No verbal abuse, criticism, or harassment of coaches will be tolerated.

7. No Criticizing Officials

- Referees and league officials are a crucial part of the game. Criticizing, yelling at, or questioning the judgment of referees or officials is strictly prohibited.
- Any concerns about officiating must be addressed through proper league channels after the game, following the 24-hour cool-off period (see below).
- No use of profanity at any time towards a Referee or league officials will be tolerated.

8. 24-Hour Cool Off Rule

- Parents or guardians must wait 24 hours after a game before addressing any concerns or issues with coaches or officials. This rule allows time for reflection and ensures a respectful and constructive conversation.
- Messaging coaches will be done privately through the Sports Engine app. Coaches are not required to respond on Sunday, but will be addressed by Monday before practice.

9. Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal/Legal Drugs

- Alcohol and illegal/legal drugs are strictly prohibited at all practices, games, and league-related events. Any individual under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the premises immediately, with a board review of consequences.
- RYF adheres to the Tri County Youth Football Leagues alcohol, drug, and tobacco free campus policies.

10. Field Access Rules

- Only players, cheerleaders, coaches, and league officials are allowed on the field during practices, games, or events. No exceptions will be made.
- Parents and spectators must remain in the designated spectator areas during practices and games.
- If an athlete is injured please remain in the designated spectator area until a coach or board member advises the parent or guardian otherwise. RYF has trained personnel on the field to deal with the injury. At no time, our parents or guardians welcomed on the field until directed to do so by a RYF official.

Consequences for Breaking the Code of Conduct

- First Offense: Verbal warning from a coach or RYF Board.
- Second Offense: Written warning and suspension from the next game. Parents or guardians would be suspended from attending the next home or away game. Failure to comply would immediately go to the third offense.
- Third Offense: Player suspension from the team for the remainder of the season or removal from the league without refund.

In cases of severe misconduct, such as physical altercations, use of drugs/alcohol, or blatant disregard for the rules, immediate removal from the field or facility will be enforced, and further disciplinary action will be taken.

This code of conduct is designed to ensure that Ranchos Youth Football and Cheer remains a positive, safe, and enjoyable experience for all involved.

I have read and understood the Parent Code of Conduct set forth by RYF. Failure to sign this document will result in athlete not participating in the 2026 RYF season. A refund will be issued if you choose not to sign.

Athletes name

Parent / Guardian Printed Name

Parent or guardian signature

Date