



## **PARENTS/SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

In an effort to maintain the integrity of this program, which is based on teamwork, discipline, respect, commitment and good sportsmanship, the following are to be observed and obeyed by all.

One of the goals of the Franklin Township Youth Football (FTYF) program is to provide a safe and fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for our kids to work together as a team towards common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (League Officials, Coaches, and Game Officials), players and other spectators.

FTYF will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, game officials, or players from any parent, player or spectator. Parents and spectators, just as player and coaches, are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct described here at all FTYF events. 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 the program and to emphasize the values of the FTYF organization.

### **AS A PARENT OR SPECTATOR, I WILL:**

1. Support the coaches, players and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and FTYF make athletic contests a positive and educational experience.
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or FTYF Board members at an appropriate time. I will work towards a positive result for all concerned.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and call to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games and their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize to my child that good athletes strive to be good students.
7. Strive to make every football activity serve as a training ground for life.
8. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substances on both the game and practice fields.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.
10. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any FTYF event.

### **AS A PARENT OR SPECTATOR, I WILL NOT:**

1. Interfere or interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices



2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abusive or profane language toward them or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize any opposing team, its players, coaches or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. In any way, at any FTYF game or practice or any FTYF event, conduct myself in a manner which fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of the Code of Conduct.
5. Use loud noisemakers to distract or disrupt games or practices.
6. Use any form of tobacco or vape type pens, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless chew within the park.
7. Bring pets (service animals are excluded) to the park, including small dogs. We will ask that they immediately be removed from the park.

#### **CONSEQUENCES OF BEHAVIOR**

- At any FTYF event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, will be asked to leave the event by a FTYF Official or Board member. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities will be called to remove said spectator.
- Any adult that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this Code of Conduct may be banned from FTYF events for the remainder of the season and any future season.
- Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, FTYF Official or Board member, player participant or another spectator will be banned from FTYF and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatement. FTYF may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to, hitting, pushing, spitting, kicking and/or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

Thank you in advance for not smoking in the park and leaving all pets at home. Please inform your guests of these rules before they frequent the park.

By registering your child to play in the FTYF program, you acknowledge and understand the terms of the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. You will accept the consequences should you violate this Code of Conduct.

**Franklin Township Youth Football Board**