

Inland Northwest Youth Football and Cheer League

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct & Enforcement Policy

INYFC is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families. All individuals participating in or attending an INYFC event—including practices, games, camps, fundraisers, and banquets—must conduct themselves with integrity and good sportsmanship.

The following expectations apply to all coaches, staff, parents, guardians, and spectators:

- Treat all athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers, and other spectators with respect and courtesy.
- Zero tolerance for rude, aggressive, or intimidating behavior.
- Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and vaping are strictly prohibited at all INYFC events.
- Game officials' decisions are final and may not be argued or protested.
- Coaching from the sidelines (by anyone other than rostered coaches) is not permitted.
- Spectators must remain in designated viewing areas. If no visitor area is present, spectators must stay at least 25 feet from the playing field.
- Board members and coaches may remove individuals exhibiting prohibited behavior or appearing under the influence.
- Social media must be used responsibly; posts deemed threatening, harassing, or damaging to the league's integrity may result in disciplinary action.

Coaching Staff & Parent Responsibilities

- Promptly remove any athlete showing signs of injury or illness.
- Offer feedback constructively and privately—never publicly or in front of players.
- Promote academic success, teamwork, accountability, and safety.
- Ensure that only rostered staff with League-issued badges are present on the field or with athletes.
- Set a positive example through communication and sportsmanship—online and offline.

Referee Authority

- Referees have full authority over the field of play and may:
 - Remove any player from the game at their sole discretion, including for injuries, unsafe conduct, or behavioral issues.
 - Eject spectators or non-rostered individuals from the sidelines or spectator areas for inappropriate behavior, interference, or violations of league conduct expectations.
- These decisions are made in the interest of athlete safety and are final and not subject to protest or appeal.

Field Access Policy

- Only individuals who have completed an INYFC background check and required training may receive a League-issued badge.
- No badge = no field access.
- This applies to practices, games, and any location athletes are present.

- Badged individuals must wear their badge visibly while on-site.

Offenses & Penalties Summary

Offense	First Offense	Second Offense/Severe Violation
Rude, aggressive, or intimidating behavior	Verbal warning or ejection	1-year ban from all INYFC events
Use of alcohol, drugs, or vaping at event	Immediate removal	1-year minimum suspension
Physical threats or assault (adult)	Permanent removal	No reinstatement considered
Fighting (adult)	Permanent removal	Child may also be removed from League
Cheating (e.g., falsified player info, game manipulation)	1-year suspension	Reinstatement only by Board vote
Teaching prohibited techniques	1-year suspension	Board approval required for reinstatement
Gambling on INYFC activities	1-year suspension	Subject to Board review
Refusal to comply or provide documents	Suspension until resolved	Continued refusal may result in removal
Falsified signatures or documentation	1-year suspension	Possible permanent ban (Board discretion)
Game ejection (adult)	1-week suspension (all activities)	Board review if repeated
Juvenile ejection (player)	1-game suspension	Second = season removal
Illegal activity (juvenile)	Board review	May result in removal
Repeated violations of any type	Permanent ban	N/A

Disciplinary Committee Procedures

All serious conduct violations are handled by the INYFC Disciplinary Committee, composed of three members selected by the League President.

- Complaint Process
 - Complaints must include: team, coach, division, incident description, and time/date.
 - An initial review will be conducted within 72 hours of submission.
 - All penalties remain in effect during the review process.
- Review Outcomes
 - Trivial Ruling: No penalty
 - Probation Issued
 - Hearing Required: Full disciplinary hearing before the committee
- Voting Requirements
 - Standard actions: Majority vote (2 of 3 members)
 - Suspensions/dismissals: Unanimous vote required

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and expectations outlined in the INYFC Code of Conduct.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____