



## **Forest Lake Youth Football Association Player Code of Conduct**

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### **Player's Code of Conduct**

1. I will abide by the rules of the activity I represent and conduct myself in a dignified manner at all times when in the company of my team. I will ensure my uniform and my other gear is complete, safe, and in good condition at all times.
2. In any competitive aspect of my activity, I understand that winning isn't always important. Doing my best and having fun at all times is important.
3. I understand that I am on a team and will be a team player. I will do this by putting my personal goals aside for the betterment of the team
4. I will participate in every game and every practice except for illness, injury, homework or school events. If I must miss a game or practice, I will contact the team's head coach as soon as possible.
5. I will study hard and understand that school shall takes precedence over any sports related activity.
6. I will not use foul language towards, taunt, or disrespect teammates, coaches, officials, or others I may compete against.
7. I will not be critical of teammates and never discuss teammate's abilities except to encourage good team work and thank them for their efforts. 8. I will show respect for game officials and refrain from talking back or arguing with them. 9. I will show respect for my coaches by listening to and learning from them. 10. I know that I represent the game of football either as a player or a fan. I further know that I represent my family, my team,

FLYFA and the Community of Forest Lake and will act in a manner that they can be proud of.

## **Forest Lake Youth Football Association Parents' / Guardians' Code of Conduct**

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### **Parents' and Guardians' Code of Conduct**

1. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than any other outcome. I will teach my child not to feel bad about any ending result that may have happened.
2. I will encourage my child to participate by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
3. I will praise my child for trying hard and competing fairly, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
4. I will never ridicule or yell at my child, other participants, coaches or officials. I will cheer for everyone and avoid booing at all costs. I will even acknowledge other participants when they have done well.
5. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer directors, coaches and officials who give their time to my child.
6. I will not assist the coach by yelling instructions at participants unless asked by the coach.
7. I will remember that these participants are amateurs that cannot be judged by the standards of a professional team.
8. I understand that all officials do their utmost to be impartial; they try their best to provide a safe and suitable framework so that the game is well played, and I will respect their decisions.
9. I will not question any official's calls, bias or judgment.
10. I will show respect for any opponents, because without them there would be no game.
11. I will not use profanity, nor will I harass any participants, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
12. I will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her enjoyment and not mine.
13. I will not force my child to participate in any sports program they do not wish to be in.

14. I will abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of players health and injuries and physical ability to play.

15. I will refrain from the use of any tobacco product, or alcoholic product while at a game or practice. I will not use drugs.

## **Forest Lake Youth Football Association Coach's Code of Conduct**

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### **With regard to my players:**

1. 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.
2. I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
3. I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
4. I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
5. I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules set forth by FLYFA.
6. 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.

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 FLYFA and FYLFA Board of Directors. I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by FLYFA and FYLFA which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or my rights to participate as a coach for Forest Lake Youth Football Association.