

Spencer County Youth Football Association

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian, I recognize that my behavior sets an example for my child and others in the **Spencer County Youth Football Association (SCYFA)**. I accept my responsibility to uphold the values of **sportsmanship, respect, and integrity** and pledge to follow this Parent Code of Conduct:

1. Respect for Coaches and Officials

I will respect all **coaches, referees, and league officials** by refraining from coaching from the sidelines, questioning calls, or engaging in confrontations. My role is to encourage and support my child and their team, not to interfere with coaching or officiating.

2. Exemplifying Sportsmanship

I will model **good sportsmanship and fair play** at all practices, games, and events. I will encourage the same from my child, other parents, players, coaches, and supporters.

3. Prioritizing My Child's Well-Being

I will place my child's **emotional and physical health above any desire to win**. I understand that success in sports comes through **preparation, effort, and discipline**.

4. Addressing Behavior Issues

If my child **repeatedly disrupts** practices or games, I will work with their coach to address the issue **in a constructive manner**.

5. Making Football & Cheer Fun

I will promote a **positive and enjoyable experience** for my child and their teammates by offering **support, encouragement, and enthusiasm**.

6. Respect for Others

I will treat **coaches, officials, players, and fellow parents with respect**, regardless of race, gender, ability, or background. I expect the same respect in return.

7. No Physical or Verbal Confrontations

I will **not engage in arguments, threats, or physical altercations** with anyone before, during, or after practices and games.

8. Appropriate Language & Behavior

I will **refrain from using foul or offensive language** and will conduct myself in a manner that reflects **positively on SCYFA**.

9. Support, Not Criticism

I will encourage my child and their teammates and **avoid making negative or discouraging comments**.

10. Trust in Coaches & Officials

I will support the **coaches and referees**, understanding that they are **working to create a positive experience for all athletes**. If I have concerns, I will follow the proper **communication process** to address them **respectfully**.

11. 24-Hour Rule & Coach Response Time

If I have concerns regarding **coaching decisions, player participation, or other issues**, I will:

- **Wait at least 24 hours** after a game before discussing the matter with the coach.
- Allow the coach **up to 48 hours** to schedule a meeting.

This ensures **calm, productive discussions** and allows for emotions to settle before addressing concerns.

12. Handling Winning & Losing Gracefully

I will **teach my child to win with humility and lose with dignity**, setting a **positive example in both victory and defeat**.

13. Remembering the Purpose of Youth Sports

I understand that **youth sports exist for the development of the children, not for the personal interests of adults**. My behavior will always reflect this principle.

14. Social Media & Online Communication Conduct

I will not post **negative, defamatory, or inappropriate comments** about:

- Players
- Coaches
- Officials
- The league

This includes conduct on **team communication platforms** such as **GroupMe** or any other messaging system used by SCYFA. I will use these platforms **exclusively for team-related discussions** and will not engage in **negativity, personal attacks, or disruptive behavior**.

15. Accountability for Behavior

I acknowledge that my **conduct at games, practices, and online represents SCYFA**. If I violate this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to **disciplinary action**, including but not limited to:

- **Verbal or written warning**
- **Suspension from games or practices**
- **Permanent removal from the league**

Severe or repeated violations may result in **immediate expulsion from SCYFA without refund**.

Acknowledgment & Agreement

Athlete's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **SCYFA Parent Code of Conduct** and agree to abide by its terms. I understand that failure to do so may result in my suspension or removal from the league.