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**Nederland Youth Football Association**

**PARENTAL GUIDELINES**

1. Will not contact coaching staff directly regarding child participation.
2. Address all athletic concerns to Division Representative or Cheer Coordinator.
3. Parents are not allowed on the practice field during practice. NYFA approves all coaches to coach your child. Please let the coaches coach your child.
4. Parents are not allowed on the sidelines during games at any time. STJFL must certify all volunteers who will be on the sidelines. If you want to be on the sidelines, you can submit a Volunteer Application for approval.
5. Do not coach your child while they are being coached by NYFA. This can be confusing to the player and can disrupt the team. Refrain from scolding your child on our time. The coaches will address the situation when appropriate.
6. Players who are injured and under a doctor’s care will not be allowed to participate in any practices or games until the player has a full release from the doctor. The release must be dated and submitted to the Safety Director. NOTE: All players must have 10 hours of full contact practice before they are eligible to play in a game.
7. Complete a Complaint form if not satisfied with the response of the Division Representative or Cheer Coordinator. The form should be submitted to the Executive Board for discussion and should be submitted within 7 days of the incident. If mailed, it must be post marked within 7 days of the incident.
8. Show appropriate conduct at all NYFA events. STJF has a strict policy in which NYFA follows. If a parent or coach is ejected from a game, they could be fined up to $500 and possible suspension for the remainder of the year.
9. Be responsible for child before and after scheduled practice times. Please be respectful of the Volunteers’ time.
10. Contact a coach if a child will be absent from practices or games.
11. Do not alter uniforms or equipment in any way including placing stickers on helmets, etc.
12. Equipment issued to your child MUST be turned in to the league at the end of the season, no later than November 30 of the current year. If equipment is not returned, you will be charged for the equipment according to the signed Acknowledgement Form and possibly suspended from future participation in NYFA.
13. There will be NO REFUNDS after June 15th. Equipment and uniforms are purchased based on registration and will be purchased at the close of registration.
14. Parents should encourage their children to stay with their assigned team/cheer squad during NYFA activities or games for their own safety and to avoid disruption to other teams/cheer squads. If the child cannot stay with their team, you will be asked to take your child and not participate for the remainder of the activities or games.

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*Parent’s Name (Please Print) Date*

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*Parent’s Signature Player Name*