

Universal Code of Conduct for Keystone Foothills Football League

Purpose

To ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants — including players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and spectators — involved in youth football. This Code is designed to uphold sportsmanship, foster personal growth, and eliminate unacceptable behaviors through consistent standards and consequences.

I. Expected Behavior

All members must:

- Treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with **respect, fairness, and courtesy**.
 - Promote **positive reinforcement**, effort, and enjoyment over a “win-at-all-costs” mentality.
 - Demonstrate **good sportsmanship** at all times — including shaking hands after games and avoiding retaliatory or unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - Use **respectful and appropriate language**; profanity, obscene gestures, and verbal abuse are prohibited.
 - **Abstain from the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco** during practices, games, or events.
 - Use **social media responsibly**, avoiding posts that are inflammatory, derogatory, or harmful to individuals or the organization.
 - Follow all rules and expectations related to attendance, equipment, team communication, and volunteer duties.
 - Address concerns respectfully through the **appropriate chain of command** — first with a coach or team parent, then with a board member if necessary.
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II. Unacceptable Behavior

Unacceptable conduct includes but is not limited to:

- Badgering, bullying, or physical/verbal intimidation.
- Threatening, aggressive, or abusive behavior toward officials, players, coaches, or spectators.
- Fighting, taunting, trash talk, or any form of retaliation.

- Use of racial, ethnic, or sexual slurs or gestures.
 - Inappropriate or excessive use of social media that reflects negatively on the team or league.
 - Disrespect toward any facilities or equipment, including vandalism or negligent damage.
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III. Disciplinary Actions

Violations of this Code of Conduct will result in the following disciplinary procedures:

First Offense – Written warning

A formal letter outlining the misconduct and expectations moving forward.

Second Offense – Suspension from team's next scheduled game

- Infractions involving a coach(s), player(s) and/or cheerleader(s) said coaches, players(s) and cheerleader(s) may watch the game from the stands.
- Infractions involving a parent(s), said parent(s) will be unable to attend the next scheduled contest

Third Offense – Suspension for the remainder of the season

- Infractions involving a coach – prohibited from any KFFL function for the remainder of the current season
- Infractions involving a player or cheerleader - no participation in any practices and/or games for the remainder of the current season
- Infractions involving a parent – prohibited from any KFFL function for the remainder of the current season

Note: Any ejection from a game results in an automatic one-game suspension.

IV. Severe or Repeated Infractions

- Egregious behavior (e.g., physical violence, threats, child abuse, harassment, or repeated offenses) may result in **immediate suspension** or **permanent expulsion** from the organization.

- Decisions on severe actions are made by **KFFL Representatives**, whose rulings are final and binding.

V. Acknowledgment & Agreement

All parents/guardians, players, coaches, and affiliated individuals are required to read, understand, and sign this Code of Conduct before participating in any organizational activity.

This is a Universal Code of Conduct established for the Keystone Foothills Football League, each organization can include additional guidelines and requirements for their specific organization.