

## Code of Conduct 2008

### Pop Warner will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteers from anyone (defined as a Fan, Parent, Spectator, Player or Coach).

Players and coaches are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all Pop Warner Events. While 99% of the adults in the program will abide by this code without being told, this code is being published to protect the children and volunteers (which includes all coaches and board members) from the 1%.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

All personnel will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If any of these rules are broken, OGYF shall have the authority to impose a penalty. **Fans shall:**

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders, coaches or board members in front of the other spectators in the stands or OGYF personnel away from the field, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
2. Accept decisions of league officials (including referees, coaches and board members) as being fair and to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by work of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other Pop Warner functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
7. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or AFTER games or at practice.
8. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e. right after a game or practice).

#### VIOLATION

Anyone who violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program. The procedure is as follows:

1. Any fan, player or coach who violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave (or stop) by the head coach or board member and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the person fails to leave or stop upon request, the violator WILL BE suspended for the remainder of the season and the fan's child may also be suspended from further participation in team activities by OGYF.
3. If the coach or volunteer files a written complaint, the executive board will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four weeks or if the child will be dropped from the program. That decision will depend on the attitude of the parents and action taken by the violator when verbally told to stop.
4. Anyone who violates the code of conduct risks the future participation of his/her children, as well as their own, in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the board of directors may decide to ban future participation in the program for up to three years.

#### CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS - PARENTS

All players are guaranteed a minimum number of plays in each Jamboree, Regular Season or Playoff game. Everything beyond that must be earned in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final.

#### Athlete'/ Coaches Agree that:

**I will:** emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors. Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.

**I will not:** Use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game or during practice. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize my teammates. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

#### Parent's Agree that:

**I will:** Support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad - emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child and Pop Warner make athletic contests a positive educational experience. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the athletic director or association officials and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

**I will not:** Criticize officials (including referees, coaches and board members), direct anger, verbal abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at games or practice at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

Please sign and return to the head coach

I have read the **FAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT** and understand what is expected.

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Child's Name and Signature                      Team                      Date

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Parents Name                      Parents Signature                      Date

This part of the form must be returned to the head coach before the Jamboree.