



RYFA – Player/Parent Code of Conduct

Please help us enforce this sportsmanship policy with fans and spectators at games. We need to all remember, **THESE ARE KIDS, THIS IS YOUTH FOOTBALL, THE COACHES AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS, THE REFEREE'S ARE HUMAN, AND THIS IS NOT THE NFL!**

As participants of Rochester Youth Football Association, there are guidelines and expectations that all players, coaches, parents and spectators will abide by. All aspects included within, are intended to make playing football a positive experience for the players, coaches and fans and to assist your children in becoming both better players and people. **Rochester Youth Football Association prides itself on proper sportsmanship and sideline behavior, help us set the example for the enjoyment of players, coaches, parents and all spectators.**

1. Zero Tolerance Policy

Rochester Youth Football Association has a zero-tolerance policy toward abuse of referees, officials and board members. No comments will be directed at referees, officials and board members. Negative comments toward referees, officials and board members will be dealt with seriously and may result in the offender and/or the offender's children being suspended from further games. This is your "warning". Rochester Youth Football Association reserves the right to suspend or expel any participants and their parents and/or guardians for violations of this Zero Tolerance Policy.

2. Sideline Behavior

Coaches and Board Members are responsible for controlling players and conduct of parents on the sidelines and they have the authority to dismiss unruly parents/spectators on behalf of Rochester Youth Football Association. Referees are allowed to penalize the head coach because of unruly behavior of other coaches, and or parents. This can even result in a coach missing a future game because of incidents on the sidelines.

3. Role of Parent

The role of the parent is important for all young athletes. Practices are very important and should always be attended by players if at all possible. Coaches need the undivided attention of players to be able to train and get their point across. Parents are welcome to attend practices, there should be plenty of places to sit and watch your player practice. However please let the coaches do the coaching. If you want to be involved with coaching contact a board member or your head coach to see if there are any available volunteer opportunities.

4. Player/Parent Expectations

As players and parents, we demand your best behavior on and off the field. At all times that you are wearing your uniform or accompanying a player you are representing the Rochester Youth Football Association and yourself. We expect players and parents to respect all participants in the football world including, but not limited to, coaches, officials, board members, players, and parents whether they are from the Rochester Youth Football Association or an opposing team. At all times, we expect players and parents to use good common sense and exhibit sportsmanlike behavior. Any violation of these expectations will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Again, Rochester Youth Football Association has a zero-tolerance policy for physical or verbal abuse of or by all coaches, officials, board members, referees, players, and parents. Violation of this policy may be grounds for suspension or expulsion from Rochester Youth Football Association. Players have the responsibility to be at and participate in practices. If your player misses multiple practices, comes unprepared, is disrespectful to other players or coaches, or has a bad attitude, the head coach has the right to put your player on discipline.

5. Parent/Coach Interaction

Parents and coaches should keep an open line of communication. Parents should contact a coach with an issue before or after practice away from the players. Coaches should contact parents regarding issues away from players before or after practices. The best solution to any problem is communication.

6. Rochester Youth Football Board Members Responsibilities

The Rochester Youth Football Association Board is a volunteer board, that runs the Rochester Youth Football Association league. They work with coaches to make sure that they are certified and trained appropriately. They facilitate the fields games. They have the right to dismiss coaches, parents, players and spectators if there is inappropriate behavior. They run the league, if you have questions, comments or concerns please contact the Rochester Youth Football Association via email at ryfa1958@gmail.com