

## PLAYER/PARENT CONDUCT POLICY

Purpose: To define a consistent policy to deal with player and parent conduct:

It is expected that all WLYF players be on their best behavior when at a WLYF event or when wearing a WLYF uniform or jersey.

### PLAYER ACTS

#### **Attendance:**

Players are expected to be on time to all WLYF events. Tardiness and absences have negative consequences for the entire team.

- Late/Unexcused absence from 1 practice: Will not start next game.
- Late/Unexcused absence from 2 practices: Will not play in the next game.

#### **Bad language:**

Players are expected to refrain from any abusive or foul language, while treating others with respect at all times.

- 1st event: Warning
- 2nd event: Field discipline, running, up-downs
- 3rd event: Will not start next game
- Future events: Treated with progressive discipline

#### **Talking Back to Coaching Staff:**

Players are expected to treat the coaching staff with respect at all times.

- 1st event: Field discipline, running, up-downs
- 2nd event: Will not start next game
- Future events: Treated with progressive discipline

#### **Fails to Follow Safety Rules:**

Players are expected to follow safety rules at all times.

- 1st event: Warning
- 2nd event: Retraining
- 3rd event: Loss of starting position
- Future events: Suspension

#### **Fighting, intentionally hurting another player:**

Players are expected to treat one another with respect and to keep their hands to themselves. This includes on the field.

- 1st event: Warning, suspension
- 2nd event: Removal from WLYF (association board action required)

### **Other violations:**

Players are expected to treat one another with respect and use the golden rule as guidance.

WLYF has no tolerance for repeated bad behavior. We break down events into the following categories:

Minor Event:

- Field Discipline (running, up-downs, etc.)
- Will not start next game
- Warning
- Loss of position
- Game suspensions

Major Event:

- Game suspensions
- Removal from WLYF (association board action required)

### **PARENT ACTS**

Parent Conduct:

Parents are expected to be supportive and maintain excellent behavior at all times.

Examples:

Minor Event:

- Excessive exuberance during practice or games
- Bad Language
- Negative comments from the stands or sidelines

Major Event:

- Approaching the coaching staff during the game
- Tobacco or Alcohol in the stands or practice fields
- Being under the influence of Drugs/Alcohol
- Arguing with officials or coaches

### **Fighting Discipline**

Minor Event:

- Warning
- Game suspensions

Major Event:

- Removal from field
- Game suspensions
- Removal of parent and player from WLYF (association board action required)
- Arrest and trespass violation issued.

## PARENT'S CONTRACT

1. Let the coach do the coaching. Pressuring and/or sideline coaching leads to a negative experience for your child as well as the other participants and it is confusing to the players and complicates the coach's job. Instructing your child to not follow the coach's direction will not be tolerated.

2. The use of or being under the influence of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants is prohibited on school property; this includes practice fields.

3. Use of profanity and abusive language is strictly prohibited.

4. Obnoxious behavior will not be tolerated at any Tualatin Valley Youth Football League event.

This includes, but is not limited to, yelling at the coaches, players (including your child) or expressing your dislike in a verbally loud manner. Anyone displaying this behavior will be asked to leave. If you do not leave immediately after being asked the police will be summoned to handle the incident, which is now a violation of Oregon law.

5. Parents must remain behind the flag ropes/ in the stands during scrimmages or games. If your child is injured, someone will call you down.

6. Practice is essential and it is important that all players participate in all practices and that they arrive on time. Athletes must notify their coaches if they are unable to attend practice or will be late.

a. If a player misses 1 practice and did not notify the coach prior to start of practice, he/she will not start in the upcoming game; 2 or more practices in the same week and the player will not be eligible to play in the next game but will be required to attend the game in uniform (no pads) to support their team.

7. Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans verbally or by gesture.

8. Do not harass, verbally attack, or berate the referees.

9. Please do not use football as a disciplinary tool. Doing so penalizes the whole team.

10. If you desire to talk with a coach, make an appointment or send the coach an email with your concern.

DO NOT approach the coach or coaching staff on game day or during practice.

11. Courtesy is required in all verbal and written communication. Do not criticize, harass, or verbally attack any coach or member of WLYF. Doing so will result in immediate suspension.

12. Your athlete should not wear their game uniforms to practice. If they do so they will not be allowed to practice that day and it will affect their participation in that week's game.

13. Players are expected to wear the proper uniform to games. This includes game pants, game jersey, game socks, helmet, shoulder pads and cleats. If you are wearing a long sleeve undershirt, the sleeves must be the same color as the jersey. If your child is not in the proper uniform, he/she will not play in the game.

14. Involved parents are vital to the success of WLYF. Each team will need many volunteers to step forward in various roles to help make our program a success. To ensure even distribution, we are requiring a minimum of 6 hours of volunteer work per family.

Completing the online registration verifies that I have read, understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. I also agree to the consequences determined by West Linn Youth Football. I have also read and discussed with my player the Players Code of Conduct. Consequences may include removal from practice/game, suspension and/or removal from our league.

## ATHLETE CONTRACT

1. Prior to Labor Day, net practice time is 10 hours per week not counting water breaks. If the weather is hot, we will schedule additional water breaks for hydration, which would make a difference of an additional 10 to 15 minutes of overall practice times.
2. Practice will be net 6 hours per week after school starts, generally 3-4 days per week per your head coach.
3. You are expected to help maintain the field you are playing on, there will be no garbage left behind.
4. Absolutely no profanity or abusive language will be tolerated. You are expected to show respect to all adults, game officials, opposing players, and all coaches at all times. Trash talking is not allowed in this league.
5. Absolutely no jewelry, bandanas, skullcaps, colored face shields or scarves are to be worn by players at any practices or games.
6. Mouth guards must be in on all drills.
7. Never sit, especially on your helmet.
8. Your helmets are always on with the chinstraps snapped unless your coach instructs otherwise.
9. Show respect for all your coaches. Address them as Coach.
10. Sportsmanship, citizenship and scholarship are just as important as your "on field" performance to this league. You are expected to be honest and exhibit proper character and integrity as a student athlete in school. Remember, you are representing the WLYF program.
11. Do not wear your game jersey to practice. If you do you will sit out and will not be allowed to practice.
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