

LJFL Bulls Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading Code of Conduct Policy

The LJFL Bulls are committed to providing a safe, fun, and enriching experience for all players, cheerleaders, coaches, parents, and spectators involved in our youth tackle football program. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for respectful and responsible behavior from all participants.

Player/Cheerleader Expectations:

- Respect: Treat all cheerleaders, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect and courtesy. This includes avoiding insults, taunts, and physical aggression.
- Player Sportsmanship: Play fair and follow the rules of the game. Congratulate your opponents on their successes and accept defeat gracefully.
- Cheer Sportsmanship: Demonstrate positive behavior at all times and support our football team, win or lose. Be respectful, kind, and courteous toward the other teams.
- Effort: Give your best effort in practice and games. Be a positive contributor to your team.
- Integrity: Be honest and truthful in your interactions with others.
- Safety: Take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others. Report any unsafe conditions or behavior to a coach or another adult immediately.
- Personal Conduct: Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, your team, and the Bulls. This includes avoiding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal substances.

Coach Expectations:

- Leadership: Provide positive and effective leadership to your players/cheerleaders.
- Positive Coaching: Encourage and motivate your players/cheerleaders to reach their full potential.
- FairPlay: Ensure that all players/cheerleaders have an equal opportunity to participate and learn.
- Communication: Communicate effectively with your players/cheerleaders, parents, and other coaches.
- Safety: Ensure the safety of your players/cheerleaders by providing proper instruction, equipment, and supervision.
- Professionalism: Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.

Parent Expectations:

- Support: Be a supportive and encouraging presence for your child and their teammates.
- Respect: Treat all players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- Positive Sportsmanship: Set a good example for your child by cheering for all players and teams.
- Communication: Communicate openly and respectfully with coaches and league officials.
- Refrain from Coaching: Do not coach or instruct your child from the sidelines. This is the responsibility of the coaches.
- Personal Conduct: Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on your child and the LJFL Bulls

Spectator Expectations:

- Respect: Treat all players, cheerleaders, players, coaches, officials, and other spectators with respect.
- Positive Sportsmanship: Cheer for all players and teams. Avoid booing, taunting, or other negative behavior.
- Safety: Do not interfere with the game or enter the field of play.
- Personal Conduct: Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on the LJFL Bulls.

Additionally No Board Member, Manager, Coach, Player, Cheerleader or Spectator shall:

- Physically attack, trip, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike anyone.
- Impose personal verbal or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
- Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of equipment or any other forceful unsportsmanlike action.
- Challenge the official's authority
- Use unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Speak or act in a disrespectful, demeaning or unsportsmanlike manner towards any player, cheerleader, official, coach, manager or spectator.
- Use any profane, obscene or vulgar language or gesture(s) in any manner, at any time.
- Appear on the field of play, stands or near the stands, while in an intoxicated state or what reasonably appears to be in such a state.
- Gamble or bet upon any play or outcome of any game.
- Smoke or use tobacco products, or what could be confused with tobacco products by a youth, when in team uniform or while at the field, parking lot or with the players or cheerleaders in a League event or capacity.
- Publicly discussing a derogatory, demeaning or abusive manner of any play, decision or personal opinion on any player, cheerleader, official, coach, or spectator.
- Willfully, or repeatedly, violate any safety rules.

Consequences of Violating the Code of Conduct:

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspensions, or expulsion from the program. The severity of the consequence will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the nature of the violation and the subject's past record. The league conduct committee will meet and determine the outcome violations.

INFRACTIONS	
MINOR	SEVERE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swearing (not directed at someone or a group) ● Arguing with fans in public ● Chewing or smoking tobacco like substance in sight of players or cheerleaders. ● Questioning an officials judgment calls ● Ignorance of the rules, regulations, policies ● Heckling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not upholding the expectations of youth sports or the Bulls as stated here ● Disrespectful, violent, threatening, discriminatory, unsportsmanlike or hateful behavior directed towards anyone ● Swearing (directed at someone or a group) ● Verbally or physically threatening, attacking or abusing anyone ● Deliberate violation of any official rule, policy, or its intent ● Not representing youth football, cheerleading or the Bulls in a professional manner.

PENALTIES	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Warning on first offense ● Possible removal from future game(s) after first offense ● Possible removal from post season participation after first offense ● Possible removal from League after first offense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zero tolerance, no warnings required ● Possible removal from future game(s) after first offense ● Possible removal from post season participation after first offense ● Possible removal from League after first offense

Communication and Reporting:

If you witness or experience a violation of this Code of Conduct, please report it to a coach, league official, or another adult immediately. We take all reports seriously and will investigate them thoroughly. We believe that this Code of Conduct will help to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants in our youth tackle football and cheerleading program. By working together, we can create a safe and supportive environment where children can learn and grow through the sport of football and cheer.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely,
The LJFL Bulls Board