
SMITHS STATION YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL



CODE OF CONDUCT

Revised: 2025

SSYFF Parent-Player-Coaches Code of Conduct

In an effort to maintain the integrity of this program, which is based on teamwork, discipline, respect, commitment, and good sportsmanship, the following Code of Conduct applies to ALL PARTICIPANTS in our program. This includes all Youth Participants, Coaches, Referees, Board Members, Volunteers, Parents, Guardians and guests in attendance at games, practices or events.

General Members

As a SSYFF Member, I will:

- Support the coaches, players and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play;
- Support my child's team and help my child and SSYFF make athletic contests a positive and educational experience;
- Direct constructive criticism of my child's team to the head coach and/or SSYFF board members at an appropriate time. I will work towards a positive result for all concerned;
- Accept decisions of the game official (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of the game and their decisions are final;
- Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times;
- Emphasize to my child that good athletes strive to be good students;
- Abstain from the use or possession of any alcohol or illegal substance at any SSYFF sanctioned event or facility;
- Abstain from the use of any profanity or inappropriate language;
- Abstain from taunting, hazing, or any other degrading activity;
- Stay behind the designated spectator line during games and practices;
- Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any SSYFF event.

As a SSYFF Member, I will not:

- Participate or be involved in any physical altercation with an official, coach, player, volunteer, or parent/guardian. A physical altercation includes, but is not limited to: hitting, striking, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any

part of the body or usage of any physical implement as a weapon.

- Interfere/Interrupt the coaching staff during the games or practices;
- Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them or otherwise subvert their authority;
- Criticize an opposing team, it's players, coaches or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior;
- In any way, at any SSYFF game or practice or any SSYFF event, conduct myself in a manner which fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this Code of Conduct.

Players

As a SSYFF Player, I will:

- HAVE FUN!!!
- Display good sportsmanship, win or lose;
- Be honest and fair;
- Learn the value of commitment to the team: sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play;
- Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, coaches and officials;
- Know that athletic contests are educational experiences;
- Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and league

officials. As a SSYFF Player, I will not:

- Use profanity, "trash talk", or taunt others before, during or after any game;
- Display any unsportsmanlike behavior;
- Criticize my teammates or players from other teams;
- Act in any way that may incite spectators;

- Willfully harm or harass any of my teammates;
- Argue or show disrespect to football officials or coaches.

Coaches

As a SSYFF Coach, I will:

- I will place the emotional well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win;
- I will treat each player as an individual and expect age-appropriate skills from all my players;
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players;
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players on and off the field;
- I will respect the decisions of the officials, coaches, and the SSYFF board;
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and the game is for the children and not adults;
- I will adhere to the Code of Conduct and SSYFF rules while participating in any SSYF activity;
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport, and will teach these rules to my players;
- Choose to approach grievances to the SSYFF board and officials in a respectful manner.

As a SSYFF Coach, I will not:

- Implement a "win-at-all-cost" mentality to my parents, staff, or players;
- Use physical, mental, or verbal abuse tactics with my players, parents, or coaches to obtain results;
- Disrespect or aggressively approach officials, opposing coaches/parents, or the SSYFF board at any point;

- Shall not discuss private matters of players, parents, or coaches in public forums;
- Cheat and/or manipulate the rules set forth by SSYFF;

Discipline Structure

Any violation by a Player, Parent, Guardian, Coach, Referee, Volunteer, Guest, or Board Member of the SSYFF League rules and regulations will result in one of the following actions being taken (at the discretion of the SSYFF President):

1. Verbal or Written Warning
2. Suspension of Member for one week from all events, practices, or games
3. Termination of membership for Parent AND Player/Cheerleader (No Refunds)

Any Player, Parent, Guardian, Coach, Referee, Volunteer, Guest, or Board Member of the SSYFF League who: A) Verbally Abuses B) Attempts to Intimidate C) Is Flagrantly Rude D) Cannot control their language or actions towards an official, coach, player, volunteer, or fellow adult will result in the following actions being taken (at the discretion of the SSYFF President):

1. Immediate ejection with a written warning. Any associated child(ren) will be asked to leave as well. This first warning, if warranted, can be bypassed and moved straight to discipline action hereafter.
2. Any second violation of similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season will serve a 3-game suspension and any associated child(ren) will serve a 3-game suspension.
3. Any third violation of similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season will be banned from attending ALL SSYFF events for the remainder of the season and any associated child(ren) will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Any Player, Parent, Guardian, Coach, Referee, Volunteer, Guest, or Board Member involved in fighting or any type of wrongful physical contact at any practice, game, or SSYFF function will result in the following actions being taken (at the discretion of the SSYFF President):

1. Membership in the SSYFF League will be revoked for a calendar year from the time of the incident. If the member being terminated is a parent, their

child's membership will also be terminated.

2. The local police/sheriff will be immediately called to the location.
3. After one calendar year, the involved party can appeal to be reinstated with the Board of Directors.

Any Player involved in a physical altercation during a game with another player will be ejected for that game. Coaches ejected from games outside of the above violations will be ejected from the game and will serve a one game suspension.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the SSYFF Code of Conduct and Discipline Structure. By signing this I agree that we, our family, our youth, and our guests will abide by the Code of Conduct:

Name: _____

Date: _____