

# Waukesha North Youth Football

## Code of Conduct

The mission of Waukesha North Youth Football (WNYF) is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for authority figures (Directors, Coaches, and Game Officials). We are an extension of our high school football program, and we recognize the impact we may have on that program. Our focus is on developing good life skills through the sport of football.

WNYF will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any Parent, Player, or Spectator. Spectators, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all WNYF events. While most involved in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of WNYF.

### Coach's Code of Conduct

We have a separate document detailing out the Code of Conduct for Coaches. Beyond agreeing to abide by the code, WNYF also requires all coaches to be certified through USA Football (<https://footballdevelopment.com/>) as well as pass a Background Check through Trusted Coaches (<https://www.trustedcoaches.org/>).

### Athlete's Code of Conduct

#### I Will:

1. Have fun!
2. Be a good sport (win or lose), be honest and fair.
3. Learn the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, & fair play.
4. Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.
5. Know that athletic contests are educational experiences.
6. Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and league officials.

#### I Will Not:

1. Use profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during, or after any game/practice.
2. Display any unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Criticize my teammates or players from other teams.
4. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

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## **Parent/Guardian/Spectator's Code of Conduct**

### **As a parent/guardian or spectator, I WILL:**

1. Support the coaches, players, and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and WNYF make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or association officials at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
7. Strive to make every football/cheerleading activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
8. 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.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game and remain off practice field.

### **As a parent/guardian or spectator, I WILL NOT:**

1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices; the only adults allowed on practice field or sidelines are certified coaches and WNYF board members.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or WNYF board/program.

## Consequences of Behavior

At any WNYF event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or WNYF board member will be asked to leave the event. He or she will receive a written warning regarding their behavior. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that commits a second similar offense will be banned from WNYF events for the remainder of that season.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, or WNYF board member will be banned from WNYF for one year from the date of the offense. After one year, the adult may apply for reinstatement. If the adult commits a second offense, he or she will be permanently banned from the WNYF program and events. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

While we have tried to address as many situations as possible in this code of conduct, it is impossible to anticipate all incidents that may arise. The WNYF Board will review any occurrences that require its attention on a case-by-case basis.

***All disciplinary action taken by the WNYF board is final and there is no additional appeal process.***

### **Athlete Agreement:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read this Code of Conduct, agree to abide by this code, and understand the possible consequences of failure to abide by this code.

Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian/Spectator Agreement:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by this code. I also acknowledge that I am responsible for sharing these expectations with any and all family/spectators (affiliated with me or my player) that may attend WNYF events. I understand the possible consequences to me and my affiliates of failure to abide by this code.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_