

Dover Youth Flag Football League

Code of Conduct

The mission of Dover Youth Flag is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. Dover Youth Flag will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteers, coaches, referees, parents, player, coach or spectators. Spectators, as well as the players, referees, and coaches are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all Dover Youth Flag events. While most of the adults and children 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 Dover Youth Flag Football League.

The Dover Youth Flag Football League requires that the following Code of Conduct shall apply to ALL PARTICIPANTS in our programs. This includes players, coaches, referees and parents in attendance at games, practices, or events.

The Dover Youth Flag Football League shall in all instances related thereunto be guided by the core values of SAFETY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, and FAIR PLAY. All participants are expected to exhibit behavior that adheres to these core values at all times, in any activity or situation that is related to Dover Youth Flag Football League.

PLAYERS

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, and 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.

VIOLATIONS

1. Use profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during or after any game.
2. Display any unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Criticize my teammates or players from other teams.
4. Act in any way that may incite spectators.
5. Willfully harm or harass any participating players within the league.
6. Arguing or showing disrespect to football officials or coaches.

VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES:

(1st offense) May result in a verbal and/or written warning

(2nd offense): Suspension

(3rd offense): and/or Expulsion.

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PARENTS:

1. At any Dover Youth Flag Football League event, practice or competition, anyone who: verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude, cannot control their language or actions with an official, coach, player, volunteer or fellow parent, will be asked to leave that event. They will then receive a written warning regarding their behavior. In addition, his or her child (children) will be immediately removed from that Dover Youth Flag Football League event.
2. Anyone who commits a second, similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season will be banned from attending the Dover Youth Flag Football League events for the remainder of that season. In addition, the offending adult's child (children) may be barred from participating for the remainder of that season. If this should occur, Dover Youth Flag will not refund registration monies.
3. Anyone who physically assaults an official, coach, player fellow parent or volunteer will be banned effective immediately from the Dover Youth Flag Football League participation and their child (children) removed from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the offense. Upon the culmination of the 1-year suspension, parents may reapply for reinstatement of their child (children). If the adult commits a subsequent offense, he or she will be permanently banned from participation in the Dover Youth Flag Football League program with no opportunity for appeal.
4. Parents/Relatives/Friends/Fans are prohibited from being on the playing fields/ during practice/games unless they're a coach-appointed volunteer serving a specific purpose.
5. Failure to pick up your child (children) in a timely manner after a Dover Youth Flag Football League practice game or event may result a review for disciplinary action.

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COACHES:

As a Dover Youth Flag Football coach, I understand and embrace the responsibility that I have to provide a safe, educational, and positive environment for ALL players and parents involved in the youth sports program. By taking the responsibility of head coach for a Dover Youth Flag Football team, I agree to the following:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. I assure that each player plays a minimum of a full series (6) plays on offense and defense, during every game, playoff game, and championship game.
3. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
5. I promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
6. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
7. I will lead by example demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
8. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and at all Dover Youth Flag Football League events.
9. I am responsible for the actions of my players, parents, and fans during all Dover Youth Flag Football League events and understand that disciplinary action may be taken against me for their behavior.
10. I have received the rules and regulations for the sport league for which I am coaching.
11. I will abide by these rules and I will inform the players and parents on my team of these rules. If I feel that a rule is unclear, I will ask a Dover Youth Flag Football League Representative to clarify it for me.
12. I will ensure that all my assistant coaches are informed of and will abide by all rules and standards set forth in this agreement.
13. I will allow the Dover Youth Flag Football League to post my name, phone number and e-mail address on the Dover Youth Flag Football League home page so that my players can communicate more effectively with me.