

## **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

All coaches, football and spirit participants will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Coaches shall:

**S1:** Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.

**S2:** Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.

**S3:** Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.

**S4:** Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.

**S5:** Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.

**S6:** Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.

**S7:** Emphasize that winning is the result of good “teamwork.”

**S8:** Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.

**S9:** Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.

**S10:** Not use abusive or profane language at any time.

**S11:** Not “pile it on;” not encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.

**S12:** Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.

**S13:** Not permit or encourage “sweating down” tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.

**S14:** Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant’s physician.

**S15:** Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.

**S16:** Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.

**S17:** Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.

**S18:** Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

**S19:** Control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you’re responsible for your team, and fan reaction will usually be in step with your reaction.

**S20:** Uphold all rules and regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.

## **ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**S1:** In order to uphold the goals of Pop Warner and ensure that all participants have the benefit of a safe and fun learning environment, all parents, guardians and other adults and attendees of Pop Warner events, including but not limited to practices, competitions, and banquets, must behave accordingly in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

**S2:** Any adult who is using alcohol, tobacco or nonprescription drugs and/or appears intoxicated at a Pop Warner event, and/or who is flagrantly rude, attempts to intimidate, verbally abuse, heckles, taunts, ridicules, boos, throws objects and/or uses vulgarity or profane language/gestures with an official, coach, volunteer, staff member, participant or other event attendee, must receive a verbal warning and/or be asked to leave a Pop Warner event. The member organization may also provide a written warning to the individual regarding the misbehavior. The adult's children may also be removed from the event. Any adult who commits one of the above stated offenses a second time, will be banned from any and all Pop Warner events for a period of one year from the date of the second offense, and their children may also be removed from the program(s) for that time period.

**S3:** Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, volunteer, staff member or participant or threatens grave bodily harm may be banned from any and all Pop Warner events for one year from the date of the offense, and their children may also be removed from any and all Pop Warner programs for that same period of time. After the ban has expired, if the individual commits another offense of the adult code of conduct, the individual will be permanently banned from any and all Pop Warner events and the individual's children may also be permanently removed from any and all Pop Warner programs.