



Cherokee Youth Football Association

## **CYFA Parents'/Spectators' Code of Conduct\***

- Once the game begins, the officials are in total control of the game.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of players and their parents.
- Coaches must see that parents stay in the bleachers during the game and at half time.
- Parents are not allowed on or in the field area at any time during a game or halftime.
- Any and all coaches are responsible for their own actions and the use of appropriate language.
- Coaches and parents will not argue with the officials during halftime or after a game, Georgia High School Rules govern play (e.g. Any physical contact with a referee is considered a felony).
- If a referee ejects a coach or parent from a game, that coach or parent must leave the park immediately. The coach or parent will be suspended from the next team game and barred from the park for that game.
- Parents and coaches shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a positive example for the children.
- Participating children should not overhear any discussion about the ability of one child as opposed to another.
- The shouting and/or yelling of anything other than encouragement to the players, coaches, linesmen, cheerleaders or officials may constitute grounds for expulsion from the area by local law enforcement officers if required.
- The loss of a parent's temper or that of a coach's(es'), whether resulting in bodily contact or not, while on the practice field or playing field during a competitive event and especially so as to be witnessed by the players and other children constitutes grounds for immediate expulsion from the current event. The board of directors may approve a permanent expulsion and loss of privileges of the Corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. All notifications will be in writing.
- The head coach, assistant coaches and trainers are responsible for the behavior of the football players/cheerleaders while at practice or in a game situation.
- It is required that if a football player/cheerleader is unable to attend practice or games that the coach or assistant coach is informed before said practice or game.

- Parents are also required to treat the coaching staff with respect. The coaches and board members of the Corporation are **VOLUNTEERS** and are performing their duties w/o any compensation whatsoever. It takes a great deal of time and energy to perform these duties. Things are done behind the scenes that the parents and cheerleaders are unaware of, so please show them respect and courtesy when confronting them with a situation. If there is a situation on your team and satisfaction is not received by speaking with the coach, then the next contact should be the district director. After that step has been approached and satisfaction is still not achieved, the final contact should be the Vice President if your grievance is football related or Cheerleading Vice President of the Cherokee Youth Football Association if your grievance is cheer related. If your coach also holds one of the positions listed in the chain of command, then you should by-pass that step and move to the next one. If your coach is the Corporation Cheerleading Vice President, then you should contact the league Vice-President. If your coach is the league Vice-President, then you should contact the President. All grievances and complaints will be governed by Title 10 of the bylaws.
  
- Use of noise-makers, EXCEPT cow bells, thunder sticks and shakers, are not allowed at CYFA games. (Shakers being described as empty plastic bottles, no larger than 20 ounces, filled with beans, rice, and/or glitter.) A violation may result in a fine (\$50) to the offending team. Teams may not play in future games until fines are paid.
  
- Use of tobacco, alcohol and profanity will not be tolerated by coaches, parents or anyone else at the practice fields or game locations. Violations may result in a one game suspension and/or \$50 fine to the violator

\*This Code of Conduct does not replace the signed Coaches' Code of Conduct required to be on file with CYFA for each head coach, assistant coach, statistician, medical support personnel, and team parent.

Please Print

Parent 1/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_