

COMMUNITY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make youth football and youth cheerleading a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the Community Youth Football League Board of Directors have instructed the participating local boards to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This policy is designed to require all players, cheerleaders, coaches, helpers, officials, board members, administrators, parents and spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all CYFL functions (games, practices, competitions, etc.).

Thus, the following points of emphasis will be implemented:

PLAYERS / CHEERLEADERS

During games an On-Field Official or Judge will assess a Zero Tolerance un-sportsmanlike penalty whenever a player or cheerleader:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official or judge.
 2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
 3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with any official / judges decision.
- ❖ *Any time that a player or cheerleader persists in any of these actions, a game disqualification will be assessed and the appropriate paperwork will be submitted to the league president for further action.*

COACHES

During games an On-Field Official or Judge will assess a Zero Tolerance un-sportsmanlike penalty whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official or judge.
 2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with any official / judges decision, including intent to incite the officials, players or spectators.
- ❖ *Any time that coach persists in these actions, a game disqualification will be assessed.*

OFFICIALS

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a business like, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of officials must be above reproach. Actions such as baiting or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

On field officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS

Parents / spectators will display appropriate behavior at all times. When parents / spectators display inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game, the game will be stopped for the purpose of removing the offender(s) from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing board. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, sidelines or playing field, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.