



PAX RIVER RAIDERS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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The Pax River Raiders Youth Football League (PRRYFL) is dedicated to the development of well-rounded youth through positive sports competition. We strive to develop fundamental skills through active participation of our players and to promote good sportsmanship of our players, coaches, volunteers and parents. PRRYFL is dedicated to the support of the organized sports in the Southern Maryland Youth Athletic Conference (SMYAC).

Remember:

1. **These are children.**
2. **This is a game.**
3. **Coaches and team moms are volunteers.**
4. **Refs are human.**
5. **YOUR KID DOES NOT PLAY IN THE NFL!**

Code of Conduct

Fans, as well as players and coaches, are expected to abide by the following code of conduct at all SMYAC events. Please remember that the league is only as strong as its members and that each of you are a representation of the league.

Parents:

1. I will support my child and their team and reinforce the value of commitment to the team.
2. I will emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
3. I will help my child and the PRRYFL make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
4. I will show courtesy to opponents and officials and direct constructive criticism to coaches, volunteers and the Board of Directors to work toward positive improvement.
5. I will not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches/team moms in front of other spectators on the sideline, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
6. I will accept the decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
7. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches or fans by mouth or by gesture.
8. I will refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at games, practices, or any SMYAC function.
9. I will abstain from drinking alcohol, taking or possessing illegal substances or being intoxicated while attending any SMYAC sponsored event including practices.
10. I will not cross the sideline barrier without proper permission during games.
11. I will not interrupt or interfere with the coaching staff at practice or before, during or after games.
12. I will not express complaints about coaches/team moms on the sideline or in front of other players/cheerleaders.
13. I will refrain from posting defamatory or derogatory messages about coaches, volunteers or players/cheerleaders from any SMYAC team on social media.

1st Non-Violent Violation

Parents or fans who violate the code of conduct will be asked to leave the premises and suspended from activities for the remainder of the day. Failure to leave can result in suspension of related player(s)/cheerleaders(s)

2nd Non-Violent Violation

Parents or fans who violate the code of conduct again will be subject to a PRRFYL conduct review by the Head Coach and Board of Directors who will decide the length of suspension depending on the severity of the violation. Conduct review decisions are final.

3rd Non-Violent Violation

Parents or fans who violate the code of conduct for a 3rd time will be asked to leave the field and will be banned from all SMYAC events for the remainder of the season. A conduct review by the Head Coach and Board of Directors will decide associated player(s)/cheerleaders(s) will be dismissed from the program as a result of the violation. Conduct review decisions are final.

Violent Violations

The PRRYFL has a **ZERO** tolerance policy for violent violations. Physical altercations or threats to coaches, players, volunteers or other spectators will result in immediate suspension of all parties involved including associated player(s)/cheerleader(s). A conduct review by the Head Coach and Board of Directors has the right to ban associated player(s)/cheerleaders(s) for up to 3 years.

Player(s)/Cheerleader(s):

Player(s)/Cheerleader(s) are entitled to the level of participation outlined in the **SMYAC RULE BOOK**, everything beyond that must be earned in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final. As a member of the PRRYFL you have a responsibility to always be on your best behavior and represent your team, your league and your conference to the best of your ability.

1. I will emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. I will show courtesy to my opponents and officials.
3. I recognize that athletic contests are serious educational endeavors.
4. I give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team.
5. I will discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.
6. I will not use profanity or "trash talk" before during or after any game.
7. I will not use drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
8. I will not criticize my teammates.
9. I will not act in any way to incite spectators.
10. I will refrain from posting defamatory or derogatory messages about coaches, volunteers or players/cheerleaders from any SMYAC team on social media.

Violations

All violations will be handled by the head coach or coach in charge at the time of the incident.

Players Name _____

Players Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____