

ALDEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT AND RULES

1. OBJECTIVE

In as much as the objectives of the AJFC are to promote competitive football and cheerleading activities, the development of youth with the emphasis on the teaching of football and cheerleading skills, the teaching of team play of football and cheerleading, and the enhancement of an overall attitude of good sportsmanship, this Code of Conduct is established to effectuate these purposes.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

The objectives can be best achieved through the concerted effort of all individuals who can participate in the activities of the AJFC. The benefits to the youth will depend to a great extent on the overall attitude created by the individuals supervising the program, the spectators watching games and activities, and the competing players. Directors, coaches, parents, volunteers, referees, and players hereby agree to assume the following responsibilities as a condition of participating in AJFC activities.

- a. All members assume a general responsibility that all their actions will be consistent with the objectives of the AJFC. Fair play and sportsmanship shall be the hallmarks of our association.
- b. Coaches and referees will be responsible for the fair enforcement of all applicable Niagara Orleans Football Association rules, including but not limited to those involving use of eligible players and authorized equipment, minimum and maximum age and/or weight playing requirements and sportsmanlike conduct. Objections and disagreements will be handled honorably by mature methods.

COACHES, REFEREES, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPECTATORS SHOULD
SERVE AS APPROPRIATE ROLE MODELS FOR OUR CHILDREN.

- c. The personal responsibility of all the spectators under this code is to act in a mature and sportsmanlike manor. All coaches will be responsible to control spectators and enforce these rules as they apply to spectators for their respective teams.
- d. Actions in violation of these standards should be reported immediately to your team coach and/or Football Commissioner or Cheerleading Coordinator.

3. PROCEDURE FOR VIOLATIONS

- a. Violations of this code may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to written warning, suspension for AJFC Activities, or Association expulsion depending on the severity of the violation and/or number of previously founded violations.
- b. All violations of this code shall be immediately reported to the Football Commissioner or Cheerleading Coordinator.
- c. The Football Commissioner or Cheerleading Coordinator will investigate the matter fully and report to the Board of Directors within 48 hours of his/her first knowledge of the incident if possible.
- d. The Board of Directors will convene a meeting to determine appropriate disciplinary action as soon as practicable (within 5 days) after receiving the investigation report from the Football Commissioner or Cheerleading Coordinator. Disciplinary action will require 2/3 majorities of the AJFC directors present at the meeting.
- e. Written notice will be provided to a member being investigated under this code.
- f. Investigative reports, AJFC disciplinary actions, and disciplinary notice to a member shall be in writing with copies retained by the Board of Directors.