

Indianola Youth Football League, Inc.

Code of Conduct

Approved for 2017

Statement of Objective

The youth in our program are at a very impressionable age. The Indianola Youth Football League is committed to developing the fundamental of good sportsmanship at all times. To this end, the Code of Conduct is intended to provide general guidelines and expectations relative to involvement and participation in the league at any level or in any capacity.

League Expectations for All Participants

The philosophy of the League is to develop the basic fundamentals of good character, sportsmanship and fair play. It is impossible to teach these principles without the unwavering cooperation of everyone involved in the program. All individuals associated with league activities are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate, responsible and sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes, but is not limited to; refraining from undue criticism of volunteer Coaches and/or coaching methods; verbally degrading or chastising Officials whether on or off the field; engaging in any activity which may be construed as detrimental to the overall satisfaction and enjoyment of any League participant; or, demonstrating any behavior that elicits a serious or unfavorable reaction among youth.

Specific expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consumption and/or possession of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited at any practice or game. Any individual(s) observed to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance will be immediately escorted from the premises and banned from further league participation.
- Use of any tobacco products by spectators, coaches or other individuals during games or practice sessions at league activities is prohibited. The use of sunflower seeds, food, gum, and drinks (other than water) are not allowed on the playing surface at the Indianola game site.
- No wagering on the outcome of any league game.
- No striking of the youth or other league participants for any reason.
- Unless otherwise authorized, no family member or spectator shall enter the practice area or game field for any reason.
- No using profanity or other derogatory comments or gestures.

Disciplinary Action

Infractions of league expectations, if not specifically noted, are subject to a variety of disciplinary actions by the Board of Directors. Disciplinary action may include dismissal from the program. The process outlined below is on an annual basis.

Per Officials discretion, swearing or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in:

- (1) Warning to stop conduct in question and 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.
- (2) Any second offense, regardless of when it occurs during the season, results in a 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and ejection from the game. If a player or coach gets ejected from a game for any reason, that individual is prohibited from playing or coaching and from being in attendance in the next game on the team's schedule. If found in attendance this will be considered the third violation and the individual will be banned from further league participation. (3)
- (3) Third offense, 15 yard penalty, ejection from current game and banned from any future participation in the IYFL activities.