

CAPE ANN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

In promoting the ethics, safety, and spirit of youth football, Cape Ann Youth Football League (CAYFL) has adopted this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is binding upon all its participants: CAYFL Officers, Team/Town Commissioners/Presidents, Team/Town Board of Directors (BOD), Coaches, Players, Cheerleaders, Parents and Spectators. Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action against any offender.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include the following: fighting, verbal abuse, bullying of a team member or dissent toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, profanity, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, "trash talk", baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.

ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH CAYFL, including parents and spectators WILL;

- A.** Show the proper respect to all participants and spectators both on and off the field.
- B.** NOT at any time push, shove, punch, kick, fight or be guilty of physical contact as an aggressor upon any official, player, cheerleader, coach, parent or spectator.
- C.** NOT verbally abuse or threaten any CAYFL officer, official, player, cheerleader, coach, parent or spectator or other(s).
- D.** NOT harass or bait any official, player, cheerleader, coach, parents or spectator or other(s).
- E.** NOT use tobacco, alcohol or illegal narcotics in front of any coaches, players, cheerleaders during practices, games or team sponsored events or be present during practices, games, team sponsored events under the influence of alcohol or illegal narcotics. This rule applies any time a CAYFL Officer is representing the CAYFL.
- F.** CAYFL will be informed of any rule violation by the team/town Commissioner. CAYFL officers will document any observed violation along with date and time of the incident.

Disciplinary Action

The CAYFL officers and Commissioners shall have the power to impose any disciplinary action(s) it deems necessary and appropriate for those who fail to abide by the CAYFL By-laws and Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action can range from a verbal or written reprimand to being barred from participation or association with CAYFL and its members. The severity of the penalties imposed will be at the discretion of the CAYFL officers and Commissioners.