



Codes of Conduct

Cayman Youth Football Leagues

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Why do we have Codes of Conduct?

It is the responsibility of everybody with any involvement in local high school sports to ensure that they remain safe places to be free from discrimination, fear and where possible, risk.

A critical component of maintaining a quality high school sporting atmosphere is to set standards of acceptable behaviour, which must be up held by all involved in school sports run activities and competitions.

An important tool for defining and communicating acceptable standards of behaviour is a documented, Code of Conduct. Ideally the Code of Conduct must apply to all involved in school sports and its activities. Different groups of people which should be covered by the Code of Conduct include:

- Coaches
- Players
- Team Officials
- Supporters and Parents
- Officials (Referees)

In addition, a Code of Conduct for players travelling on busses to and from games is also essential. This Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for players travelling on busses.

Players are expected to follow these simple rules for the safety and comfort of everyone travelling on the bus.

Disobeying these rules could lead to the player(s) not being able to travel on the bus with their team mates for a specific period of time.



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Code of Conduct for Coaches:

1. Coaches must understand that school football is first and foremost developmental leagues where equal opportunities should be afforded to all players. A successful balance of development, competition and enjoyment should be the ultimate goal.
2. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
3. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
4. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL) committee.
5. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
6. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
7. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
8. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
9. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
10. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the players.
11. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the CYFL Laws of the Game for High School Leagues, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the CYFL Laws of the Game for High School Leagues or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
12. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
13. Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.



Code of Conduct for Players

A player should:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if their team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team –

A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the CYFL Laws of the Game for High School Football Leagues to help their own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to bring into question their commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the CYFL Laws of the Game for High School Leagues and competition rules –

A player should:

1. Know and abide by the CYFL Laws of the Game for High School Football Leagues, rules and spirit of the game and competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.



Respect towards Opponents –

A player should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards Opponents: Violations –

If a player is shown a red card for violent behaviour, the player will be banned for the remainder of the season and the school he/she represents, will be deducted three (3) points at the end of the season.

(Added in September 2021)

Respect towards the Match Official –

A player should:

1. Accept the decision of the match official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
3. Show respect towards match officials.

Respect towards Team Officials –

A player should:

1. Abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the team officials of the opposition.



Obligations towards the Supporters –

A player should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.



Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This code applies to all team officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the Game –

The team official should:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop their own team having regard to the interest of the players, supporters and reputation of the game and the Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL).
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to match officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard to the best interests of the game including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team –

The team official should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of the supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials –

A team official should:

1. Accept the decisions of the match official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a match official.



Code of Conduct for Supporters (Parents)

A supporter's expectations and attitude have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

1. Other players
2. Officials
3. Team officials
4. Other spectators

Try and ensure that spectators within your school are always positive and encouraging towards all of the players and not just their own.

Encourage spectators to:

1. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
2. Avoid coaching the child during the game. Leave coaching to the coaching staff.
3. Not to shout or scream.
4. Respect the referee's decision.
5. Give attention to each of the players involved in football not just the most talented.
6. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Ensure that spectators within your school agree and adhere to your school's Code of Conduct and to the CYFL Code of Conduct.



Code of Conduct for Match Officials (Referees)

This code applies to all match officials (referees).

1. I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game.
2. I will be honest and completely impartial at all times.
3. I will apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently.
4. I will manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
5. I will deal with instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
6. I will never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and team officials.
7. I will support my match official colleagues at all times.
8. I will set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
9. I will communicate with the players and encourage Fair Play.
10. I will prepare mentally and physically for every match.
11. I consider it a privilege to be a part of the Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL) and my actions will reflect credit upon that organisation, its sponsors and its affiliates.



Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials Travelling on Busses

1. Behaving appropriately on the bus, including, but not limited to:
 - no use of offensive or racist language;
 - fighting;
 - spitting;
 - not placing feet on seats.
2. Respecting the need and comfort of other passengers.
3. Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
4. Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus.
5. Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergencies.
6. Respect bus property, including:
 - protect bus property;
 - ensure busses are not vandalised;
 - report any vandalism (e.g. graffiti, window etching, writing on seats).