

Franklin Youth Foundation Conduct Policy

Players, Parents & Coaches:

The Franklin Youth Foundation (FYF) supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play, and sportsmanship. Each person associated with the FYF is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representatives are responsible for their team, parents, and spectators. Positive support for the team and all coaches is appreciated and expected. The FYF prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents, and spectators.

Sportsmanship examples that are expected of all our age levels are:

- 1) Supporting and pulling for your team without taunting the opposing team, coaches, or parents.
- 2) Not throwing equipment after a potentially demoralizing play or official's call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, at the end of the game.

The FYF actively supports the game officials. They are sometimes faced with difficult decisions which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse towards officials by players, coaches, parents, or spectators could result in said individual being asked to leave the playing area (a coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of their team or spectators). The officials will also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. Therefore, you can see that positive encouragement is vital to the team's well-being.

Players/Coaches/Parents/Spectators that are asked to leave the playing area must leave immediately, out of sight of the playing area. He / She may be banned from attending games for one additional game or for a longer period of time if so determined by an inquiry of the FYF Board of Directors. The Head Coach is responsible for reporting any such instances to the Sport Commissioner of the Board of Directors. The Sport Commissioner may assess a one game suspension. Longer suspensions, or settlements of disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote in an emergency meeting of a majority of the voting members of the FYF Board of Directors.

All alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and smoking are banned on the Franklin Youth Foundation property. Inappropriate language such as cursing/swearing, and rude gestures will not be tolerated at any time.

Parents who agree to their child playing with the FYF, and players and coaches who agree to participate in sports for the FYF accept the rules and regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives intended by this Policy. Remember that the players, coaches, and officials will make mistakes, but the games are merely games which our children are playing for enjoyment and to learn their chosen sport. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of decent behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should accordingly.

When we are on our home field or visiting, we are all representatives of the Franklin Youth Foundation. To meet the FYF eligibility rules, this Conduct Policy must be signed and returned prior to the first regular season game, preferably by the second practice.

TO THE PLAYERS; PARENTS, & COACHES:

We have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the Franklin Youth Foundation Conduct Policy. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

Thank you for your cooperation and supporting Franklin Youth Foundation!

****By participating in a FYF sport, your team will be required to assist in at least one day of concession stand duty****