

NPF CODES OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct for Participants

Players and cheerleaders are expected to comply with this Code of Conduct, as well as the expectations outlined in the NHYFSC handbook and NPF handbook. Failure to comply with any of these rules could result in disciplinary action, up to and including, suspension from a game or expulsion from the Nashua PAL Force Program.

- Players and cheerleaders are expected to show respect and courtesy to all other players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or sporting event.
- Players and cheerleaders are expected to refrain from swearing and derogatory language toward others.
- Players and cheerleaders are expected to cooperate with their coaches.
- Players and cheerleaders are prohibited from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, on and off the field.

Code of Conduct for Parents

Parents of all Nashua PAL Force participants are expected to comply with the following Code of Conduct, as well as the expectations outlined in the NHYFSC handbook and NPF handbook.

- Parents and guests are expected to be positive role models for their children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or sporting event.
- Parents and guests are prohibited from engaging in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, swearing, or using profane language or gestures.
- Parents are prohibited from encouraging any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- Parents are expected to demand that their children treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of ability, race, religion, creed, gender, age, or any other status.
- Parents are prohibited from ridiculing or yelling at their children or other participants or coaches for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Parents are expected to respect the officials and their authority during games and are prohibited from questioning, discussing, or confronting officials and coaches at the game field.
- Parents are prohibited from the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at practices and games. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas where available.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to comply with any of these rules and expectations will result as follows:

1. **First Offense:** Removal from practice and game facilities for a one week period;
2. **Second Offense:** Suspension from any NPF event and/or removal of child from practices and games for the remainder of the season;
3. **Third Offense:** Permanent removal from the Nashua PAL Force organization including registration.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches of all Nashua PAL Force participants are expected to comply with the following Code of Conduct, as well as the expectations outlined in the NHYFSC handbook and NPF handbook.

- Coaches agree to never physically engage a child (such examples may include but are not limited to grabbing a face mask, pushing, poking, slapping, or pulling) regardless of their intentions, in any manner, which leaves a reasonable doubt (perception of the general public) as to their motivation. Violation of this provision will result in immediate removal from coaching within the NPF organization.
- Coaches agree to **never** berate participants. Coaches agree to provide constructive criticism in private, or in the presence of teams/squad members only if others might benefit.
- Coaches are prohibited from the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at practices and games always and at competitions when attending in a coaching capacity. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas where available.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to comply with any of these rules and expectations will result as follows:

1. **First Offense:** Written warning;
2. **Second Offense:** Suspension of one game up to suspension for the season;
3. **Third Offense:** Banned from coaching within the NPF organization

I have read and understand the Nashua PAL Force Code of Conduct either in my role as a parent, an athlete or a coach, and understand the requirement to adhere to these guidelines as well as accept potential consequences as written in this document.

_____ (Parent Signature and Date)

_____ (Athlete Signature)

_____ (Coach Signature)