



## **FYAA Code of Conduct**

In promoting the ethics, safety, and spirit of youth football and cheerleading, Frankfort Youth Athletic Association (FYAA) has adopted this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is binding upon all FYAA members, including FYAA board members, football and cheer coaches, football players, cheerleaders, parents and guardians, volunteers and spectators. Any FYAA member found in violation of this Code of Conduct is subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

Conduct of any kind which is considered detrimental to FYAA or any of its members will not be tolerated. Such unacceptable conduct shall include, but is not limited to, participation in any of the following behavior: fighting; verbal abuse; bullying of a team member or dissent toward an official or opponent; use of racial, religious, gender-related or ethnic slurs; inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment; profanity; obscene gestures; intentional and violent fouls; taunting; "trash talk"; baiting; cheating; throwing or abusing equipment; and, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent. This includes any unsuitable posts on social media outlets including but not limited to twitter, Facebook, etc,

Further, any conduct by a member which leads to the conviction of or pleading guilty to theft or illegal taking of funds or equipment from any Organization, including FYAA, is considered to be a violation of this Code of Conduct. Also, it is considered a violation of this Code of Conduct for any conduct by a member, on or off the field, that results in a legal conviction for a criminal act as determined by a court of law or any other conduct by a member that is determined by the Board of Directors to be of such a serious nature that it seriously and negatively impacts FYAA and/or the River Valley Youth Football League (RVYFL) in the community or presents the potential for liability to a Board Member, FYAA and/or RVYFL.

### **FYAA Members should:**

- show the proper respect to all and be held to the highest standards of moral conduct and character both on and off the field.
- not at any time push, shove, punch, kick, fight or be guilty of physical contact as an Aggressor upon any official, player, cheerleader, coach, spectator or other.
- not act in an unsportsmanlike manner, including verbally abusing or threatening any official, coach, player, cheerleader, spectator or other, before, during or after a game.
- not harass or bait any official, player, coach, cheerleader, spectator or other.
- knowingly violate the FYAA By-laws or the RVYFL By-laws.

- not use tobacco, alcohol or illegal narcotics of any kind during practices, games or practice facilities.
- not be present during practices, games or team sponsored events under the influence of alcohol or illegal narcotics.
- show the same respect that is due to all participants, including: coaches, players, cheerleaders, spectators and league officials.
- not act in any way that is detrimental to themselves, their team or the FYAA and RYVFL.
- inform the Board of Directors of any rule violation by other Board Member, coach, player, cheerleader, manager, spectator or other.

## **Reporting Violations**

Anyone witnessing or having knowledge of conduct believed to be in violation of this Code of Conduct should report the same to an FYAA Board Member, Head Football or Cheerleading Coach within 3 days of becoming aware of the conduct. All reports should be in writing and must be signed. If the complaint is turned into the head football or cheer coach, they must turn it over to their AD within 24 hours. The Board shall consider all such reports and violators will be subject to disciplinary action by the FYAA Board as stated below.

## **Disciplinary Action**

The Board of Directors of FYAA shall have the power to impose, on a case-by-case basis, any disciplinary action it deems necessary and appropriate for those who fail to abide by this Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action, if taken, can range from a written reprimand to being permanently barred from participation or association with FYAA. This applies to FYAA board members, football and cheer coaches, football players, cheerleaders, parents and guardians, volunteers and spectators.

Anyone who violates this Code of Conduct can be asked to immediately leave a game, practice or event, and may be barred from attending any other FYAA sponsored game, practice or event until further notice by the FYAA Executive Board. FYAA has the right to ask and, if necessary, have removed from a game, practice or event, anyone who is deemed to be in violation of this Code of Conduct. The Board may convene at such a time when the events can be reviewed, and an appropriate disciplinary action determined. Decisions by the Board are final.

\*\* A copy of this form will be available at [www.frankfortfalcons.org](http://www.frankfortfalcons.org) for anyone to review. \*\*