



CODE OF CONDUCT

Athlete & Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

IMPORTANT

Portsmouth Youth Football is a member of Northeast Junior High Football League therefore we follow all governing laws defined by the league.

This document is an Agreement between Portsmouth Youth Football Association (PYF) and each individual who participates in our program. This agreement sets forth the Rules of Conduct and expectations for Players and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s). Our goal is for every participant to have a positive experience while having every opportunity to excel. We will work with all athletes during the season to help them mature into good players and individuals on and off the field.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. ATTENDANCE

Each player is expected to attend practices and games. Players may only be excused for the following: A) family vacation or obligation, B) illness, C) doctor's appointment, D) school, or E) religious obligation. Absences are considered excused if the Coach has been notified in advance that the athlete will miss a practice or game. Unexcused absences will result in potential reduced playing time. If athlete has any disciplinary action from school(out of school suspension), they will not be permitted to take the field during practice or games that fall in the same period. We request that they attend and view from the sideline, but will not be allowed to participate.

NOTE: Attendance will be noted at the beginning of each practice. We request limited use of excused absences. In order to conduct our program successfully, it is essential for every team member to attend practices and games throughout the season.

2. BULLYING

PYF will not tolerate bullying of any kind. If bullying is brought to the attention of anyone affiliated with PYF - we will conduct an immediate investigation and take the necessary action to ensure the safety of all players.

3. MISCONDUCT

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Leaving a contest in anger or interrupting a game or practice with unsportsmanlike behavior.

- Inappropriate language, threats, or gestures directed at a coach, official, spectator, opponent, or teammate.
- Inappropriate behavior at any activity or function by an athlete representing Portsmouth Youth Football.

4. GROSS MISCONDUCT

- Stealing, vandalism, or other criminal acts related to Portsmouth Youth Football or the community at large will be investigated by the Coaching Staff and Board of Directors. If a violation is confirmed, disciplinary action will be taken: a minimum suspension of ten (10) days for the first offense and removal from the team for any second offense.
- No weapons of any kind will be permitted on the fields during practice or games - we will conduct an immediate investigation and take the necessary action to ensure the safety of all players.
- Assault upon a Teammate, Coach, Official, Opponent, or Spectator will result in immediate dismissal from the team.

5. EQUIPMENT

Each athlete is responsible for and must return all uniforms and equipment in good condition by the final equipment return date or forfeit the uniform/equipment deposit (\$400) and pay additional replacement costs for any lost or damaged equipment. Equipment and uniforms must not be loaned out or used by anyone other than the original athlete to whom they were issued. Equipment is only to be used at practices and on game days as set forth by the Head Coach. Any football player who quits or is dismissed from a team must immediately return all PYF equipment.

6. FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEERING

Fundraising is essential to the successful operation of our program. Each athlete is required to participate in fundraising activities organized by the Board of Directors. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Junior and Senior Clipper athletes are also expected to assist the program by working one of the various volunteer positions during at least two home games. This will be coordinated by the Team Parent.

7. TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) to provide transportation to and from all practices and games. Each athlete is to be dropped off and picked up at the specified practice or game location.

8. MEDICAL INFORMATION/RELEASE

You must complete and submit the following forms: Consent for Medical Treatment, and a current Physical before athlete is allowed to participate in practice or games.

9. USE OF PYF NAME/LOGO

Requests to use the Portsmouth Youth Football name or logo on print, banners, apparel or other materials must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

10. USE OF CONTROLLED & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

- No smoking or use of tobacco at anytime, anywhere – smoking or any use of tobacco by a minor is illegal and dangerous to the athlete's health.
- No possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages at anytime, anywhere – possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor is illegal.
- No possession, use, or sales of illegal drugs at anytime, anywhere – athletes using recreational or performance-enhancing drugs are hurting their bodies and their team.

11. ADDITIONAL RULES

Athletes must obey any additional rules set by their Head Coaches (with approval of the Board of Directors).

PENALTIES

Any athlete who violates any of the above Rules of Conduct will face immediate disciplinary action and possible dismissal.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCESS

After any violation of the Rules of Conduct, the athlete and his/her Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be notified. Following notification, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) have ten (10) days in which to request, in writing, a hearing with the Board of Directors. Any athlete whose dismissal is upheld will forfeit all awards and honors.

PLEASE KEEP THESE RULES OF CONDUCT FOR YOUR REFERENCE.