



ROCK FALLS YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

PARENT/PARTICIPANT/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT



Welcome to the Rock Falls Youth Football and Cheer program (RFYF). RFYF is designed to organize, teach, develop and promote youth football and cheerleading. RFYF strives to be a competitive organization that recognizes the importance of emphasizing good sportsmanship. With this in mind, we have developed a participant/coach contract to help explain and clarify some of our team and league expectations, rules and guidelines directly related to participant/coach conduct. This contract will support, but does not override, our team or league bylaws, rules or regulations. This contract will help inform everyone, in advance, of what is expected. If this contract is followed, the season will go much smoother and be more rewarding for everyone involved.

PLAYING/CHEER TIME

Playing/cheer time during games is not guaranteed to any one player/cheerleader. Playing/cheer time will be earned through practice time which will be evaluated by the head coach and his/her staff. Our program is designed to develop all participants and raise their skill levels on the football field. The majority of this development is done through practice time. All coaches will make an honest effort to ensure that all kids participate in game situations throughout the regular season, but also reserve the right to make changes at any time regarding who plays and when. We have a very large number of kids that participate in our program which limits the amount of playing/cheer time that is available. RFYF does not "cut" players/cheerleaders, which creates a very large span of player/cheerleader skills and abilities within our talent pool. Our program offers kids, at all skill levels, the opportunity to practice, play and ultimately improve their skills. Playing/cheer time will not only just be based on skill level, but will also be dependent upon work ethic and attitude. The Head Coach can be made available after practice to discuss your child's skill and abilities and what areas they need to focus on to improve.

PARENT/PARTICIPANT/COACH CONDUCT

RFYF is responsible for the conduct of all fans, players, cheerleaders, coaches and assistants within the program. Our organization expects nothing but the utmost respect and sportsmanship from all of our participants/coaches when it comes time to dealing with fellow players, coaches, opponents and officials. Unacceptable conduct could damage the reputation of RFYF, but more importantly, embarrass our families, friends and community. It is all of our jobs, as participants/coaches, to monitor unacceptable behavior during RFYF events.

Please read the following guidelines and expectations:

1. **Profanity of any kind is strictly prohibited.** This includes all RFYF activities such as games, practices, equipment days, fund raisers, banquets, board meetings, etc.
2. **Verbal threats, physical confrontations or bullying of any kind between fellow/opposing parents, players, coaches, fans or officials is strictly prohibited.** These types of actions are totally unacceptable and will be reviewed and acted upon immediately by the Board of Directors and may result in permanent expulsion from future RFYF events for all parents/participants/coaches involved.
3. **Possessing, using or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance(s) is strictly prohibited at all RFYF events.** Any violations of this rule will result in the immediate removal of all parties involved. Furthermore, all parties involved may be permanently banned from all RFYF events.
4. **Possession or carrying of firearms, simulated firearms or weapons of any kind, openly or concealed, with or without a permit, is strictly prohibited. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**



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All participants/coaches are expected to fully support the RFYF program and promote a positive environment for everyone involved. We do not expect participants/coaches to agree on every decision that needs to be made, but we do expect everyone involved in the program to treat people with dignity and respect. **If you have an issue, please discuss it with the Head Coach so he/she can be informed and work to correct the issue. If you feel the issue has not been corrected, the issue can be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.** We ask that a professional manner be maintained at all times. The Board of Directors and Coaches are committed to making sure that the Rock Falls Youth Football and Cheer program be a positive experience for all kids in our community. By reviewing and signing this contract, we know that you as a participant/coach are committed as well.

As a RFYF parent/participant/coach, I hereby recognize and fully understand the contents of the Code of Conduct. I also understand that this parent/participant/coach contract covers the entire RFYF program. I will fully support this Code of Conduct at all times and understand that parent/participant/coach conduct is a crucial ingredient to the success of this program. **Furthermore, I understand that the RFYF Board has the final say in all disciplinary matters.**

Disciplinary action is subject to the severity of the violation and will be administered by the RFYF League President. Discipline may include, but is not limited to suspension, removal from an event, or permanent removal from all program activities and events.

****NOTE: If removed/banned from RFYF, the violator will not be allowed to attend any RFYF event***

****NO PARTICIPANT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN AND RETURNED TO RFYF.***



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BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS CONTRACT, IN ANY WAY, COULD RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OR PERMANENT EXPULSION OF BOTH ME, AND/OR, MY CHILD FROM THE RFYF PROGRAM.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RFYF PARENT/PARTICIPANT/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT AND WILL FULLY ABIDE BY THE POLICIES THEREIN.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

NAME OF YOUTH PARTICIPANT (1): _____ GRADE: _____

NAME OF YOUTH PARTICIPANT (2): _____ GRADE: _____

NAME OF YOUTH PARTICIPANT (3): _____ GRADE: _____

BELOW IS FOR COACHES ONLY

NAME OF COACH: _____ GRADE: _____ DATE: _____