

# Football Player Code of Conduct

## EAST BAY BUCCANEERS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER RULES

The East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football League has developed a set of disciplinary rules by which all football players and their coaches will abide. Those rules will be used as a guideline for the Board of Directors disciplinary committee in the event that it is deemed necessary. All players will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will have a positive reflection on our league. It is the responsibility of each player and his/her parent/guardian to read and fully understand the consequences that will result if there are any infractions of these rules.

### PRACTICES

All practices are mandatory. The only excused absences will be for attending church, school functions, illnesses or death in the family, unless the Coach grants prior approval. \*\*1. Practices will be Monday through Friday 6:15 - 8:15 weeks 1 through 4 of the season. Monday through Thursday week 5 and 6. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6:15 - 8:15 week 7 through the end of the season. Practice schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions and holidays. IT IS MANDATORY THAT PARENTS STAY WITH THEIR CHILD DURING ALL LEAGUE FUNCTIONS! There must always be a parent/guardian (or someone 18 years and older) at all practices, games, competitions and any other league function in case of an emergency or inclement weather. If you drop your child off without any prior arrangements with the Head Coach your child will be considered abandoned and he/she will be taken to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. This also applies to the parents that sit in their vehicles. We do not have the time to run out to everyone's vehicle when there is an issue with your child.

### SUSPENSIONS

- 1) Poor sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior directed toward (coaches, team parent, teammates, game officials, parents, directors, other team players or cheerleaders or other league representatives, etc.) will result in the suspension for the first full half of the next game that the player is present.
- 2) For any player throwing his helmet or any other equipment, he will forfeit the equipment for the time remaining in that game. In addition, he will also be suspended for the full first half of the next game that the player is present
- 3) Profanity, racial slurs, obscene gestures or rude behavior during any East Bay Buccaneers or T.C.Y.F.C.C. function directed toward coaches, players, officials, directors are strictly prohibited.
- 4) Fraternizing with cheerleaders (home or visitors) during practice, game or when in uniform, will result in the suspension of the first full half of the next game that the player is present
- 5) Disruption of games or practices will result in a suspension for the first half of the next game that the player is present.
- 6) Any football players caught using any illegal substances, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages at any East Bay Buccaneers activity shall be suspended for the next football game that the player is present.

7) Fighting before or after a game will result in a minimum one game day suspension. Further suspensions may be added as deemed necessary by the East Bay Buccaneers Board of Directors and/or Disciplinary Committee.

8) Leaving the bench area to participate in a fight during a game, will result in at least a two full game suspension for the next two full games that a player is present. In addition, there will be disciplinary actions taken by Florida Youth Football and Cheerleading Association.

9) The Tri County Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference and the East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football & Cheerleading define full season as the start of the season begin in July and the end of the season being December 31st.

10) Gang related paraphernalia will not be tolerated at any East Bay Buccaneers activity.

11) Bullying of any kind WILL NOT be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

12) Any second violation of these will result in a review by the Disciplinary Committee.

13) If the Disciplinary Committee deems any violation too severe, a player could be dismissed from the East Bay Buccaneers League with no refund. \*If any parent or player disagrees or has any complaints, this should be discussed with the head coach first. In the event that the situation cannot be resolved, the coaching director and/or trustee will then make a determination on the matter. At no time will a public discussion of a problem be conducted. Concerns and problems are to be discussed in private with the coach and/or coaching director and not in the presence of uninvolved parties and NEVER in the presence of any child.

Any player in the East Bay Buccaneers organization which continues to violate the football rules as stated above is subject to a review by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee's review could result in a disciplinary action from a verbal reprimand to the dismissal of the player and/or family from the East Bay Buccaneers organization with no refund.