



## **DAYFL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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The Deforest Area Youth Football League (DAYFL) program is dedicated to providing opportunities for youth football players to develop athletic skills, physical fitness, and overall life skills while participating in a team sport. Our goal is to have fun and teach fundamentals in a safe environment with the emphasis on team participation.

All players, parents or guardians, team volunteers, spectators, coaches, and members of the Board of Directors are expected to maintain and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout their association with DAYFL. The objective of this Code of Conduct is to encourage standards of behavior and positive attitudes while ensuring due process for alleged misconduct.

Any team representative, coach, parent or guardian, team volunteer, official, opponent, or member of the Board may initiate an investigation of any incident by players, parents or guardians, coaches, officials, team volunteers, or members of the Board of Directors, that they believe violates any part of the Code of Conduct. The Grievance Procedure is outlined in the DAYFL Bylaws located on the Board tab of the website.

### **1) Player Code of Conduct:**

- a) I will focus on following instructions given to me by my coach.
- b) I will be a good sport (win or lose).
- c) I will be honest.
- d) I will always be respectful to all coaches, teammates, opponents, parents, fans, and officials.
- e) I will show dedication to the team on and off the field.
- f) I will represent myself and the team in a manner becoming of a student athlete.
- g) I will set personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
- h) I will **NOT** use alcohol, tobacco, or any other illegal controlled substance.
- i) I will **NOT** participate in any hazing or harassment of others.
- j) I will **NOT** participate in any behavior that may violate any federal or Wisconsin law, any municipal or county ordinance, or law of any jurisdiction in conformity with the Wisconsin Criminal Statutes.

### **2) Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct:**

- a) I will **NOT** criticize or confront a coach in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- b) I will allow a cool down period of 24 hours before discussing any matters or filing a grievance against any coach, official, parent, or player (unless eminent threat requires immediate action).
- c) I will accept and support the decisions of the Board.
- d) I will set a positive example in personal conduct at all times.
- e) I will support the coaching staff and refrain from "sideline coaching".
- f) I will refrain from using profanity.
- g) I will **NOT** use alcohol, tobacco, or any other illegal controlled substance at DAYFL sponsored activities.
- h) I will refrain from any unlawful or unwarranted physical contact with any player.
- i) I will abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of player's health, injuries and physical ability to play.
- j) I will abide by all team rules, including arrival times for practices and games as well as attendance policies.
- k) I will accept the decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the official's point of view. Parents must stay off the field and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- l) I will **NOT** criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, or coaches by words or gestures.
- m) I will support the coaches, players, and officials and will help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- n) I agree that any inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the sidelines. Any repeat offenses will result in being barred from future games and league sponsored activities.
- o) I will **NOT** encourage children or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials, or any other attendee.

**3) Board Member Code of Conduct:**

- a) I will **NOT** criticize or disclose any private information of any program member.
- b) I will expect all players and parents to be treated equally.
- c) I will strive to improve the program.
- d) I will accept and support the decisions of the Board.
- e) I will **NOT** criticize or use profanity towards players, officials, opponents, coaches, fans, or parents through language or gesture.
- f) I will refrain from any unlawful or unwarranted physical contact of any player.
- g) I will **NOT** use tobacco or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while in contact with youth athletes.
- h) I will set an example in personal conduct at all times.
- i) I will resign from my position if I place the program in jeopardy or turmoil.

**4) Coaching Code of Conduct:**

- a) I will **NOT** emotionally or physically abuse any players.
- b) I will teach the sport of football to all players equally.
- c) I will follow playing time limitations set forth by the League's governing body.
- d) I will refrain from any unlawful or unwarranted physical contact of any player.
- e) I will accept the decisions of officials.
- f) I will **NOT** criticize or use profanity towards players, officials, opponents, coaches, fans, or parents through language or gesture.
- g) I will strive to make football fun for the youth athletes involved.
- h) I will emphasize that winning a game is not the ultimate goal.
- i) I will refrain from "running up" the score against an opponent.
- j) I will **NOT** use tobacco or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while in contact with youth athletes, while coaching games, scrimmages, practices, or tournaments.
- k) I will set a positive example in personal conduct at all times.
- l) I will learn the strengths and weakness of all players in order to place them into situations where each has a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- m) I will protect the health and safety of all players by insisting that all of the activities conducted consider their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults.
- n) I will report any child abuse immediately to the authorities.
- o) I will accept and support the decisions of the Board.

**5) Violations to the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Actions:**

- a) Minor Violations- Include, but are not limited to: being disrespectful, improper behavior, fighting, arguing with officials or coaches, dishonesty, disruptive behavior, inappropriate language, and hazing or harassment of others.
  - i. Anyone found guilty of a Minor Violation may receive a one to twenty day suspension as determined by individual coaches and/or Grade Directors in consultation with the DAYFL Board
  - ii. Punishment for Minor Violations will become more severe with subsequent offenses and may include game suspensions.
- b) Major Violations- Include: the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or criminal activity.
  - i. Anyone found guilty of a Major Violation shall receive a one to twenty day suspension AND a 1 game to a total season suspension as determined by the Board.
  - ii. A Major Violation could result in expulsion from DAYFL.

***Failure to uphold this Code of Conduct will jeopardize your involvement in the DAYFL program.***