



Rocky Mountain Youth Football League

SIDELINE POLICY

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1.0.0 PURPOSE

1.1.0 To set guidelines regarding the sidelines and fields at Rocky Mountain Youth Football League (RMYFL) events.

1.2.0 This policy is subject to the bylaws of the RMYFL. Penalties are subject to 23.4.0 in those bylaws.

1.3.0 This policy is subject to change as needed to ensure the league can operate without interference

2.0.0 IDENTIFICATION BADGES

2.1.0 IDENTIFICATION BADGES: All certified coaches and approved team personnel shall receive a photo identification badge. These badges shall contain the individual's name, title or position held, related team, year issued and any other information the League determines to be necessary. The provided lanyard is a part of the identification badge. The provided badge and lanyard are required to be worn together. These badges identify individuals authorized on fields and in the team area during games, and shall be worn so as to be readily visible at all times. The badges and lanyards are color coordinated for identification purposes to league officials. All badges are the sole property of the League. At the end of the season, all badges (including lanyards) should be surrendered to and retained by the Commissioner. Any coach or team personnel ejected from a game by a game official, Director or League Official shall immediately

surrender his/her ID badge (and lanyard) to the field director or a League Official, and must meet with a League representative designated by the Commissioner. Failure to surrender the card to the proper authority when requested shall render the person on probation with the possibility of suspension for the remainder of the season.

2.1.1 TEMPORARY BADGES:

Coaches or team personnel who have lost, forgotten or misplaced badges may obtain a temporary badge from the league field representative. Temporary badges shall be returned at the end of the game. Lost badges must be replaced promptly through the League at cost to the responsible individual.

2.1.2 TEAM REPRESENTATIVE BADGE:

Team representative badges will be available to a person designated by the coaching staff. This badge will designate the person who is assisting the coaching staff with sideline responsibilities. This simply identified that person as assisting but does not give that person any additional privileges from regular spectators. The representative can only enter the team area when actively assisting with cleaning the team area.

2.1.3 MEDICAL AREA:

If the team is able to provide a specialized, trained medical person (e.g., physician, paramedic, nurse, specially trained volunteer – that has concussion training and is verified through the commissioner) and they do not want to meet the requirements to be a coach, they will follow the following guidelines. After being verified they will be provided a medical only badge. They will remain in the area away from the team benches and determined by league staff at each field. They will be allowed onto the field and team areas when providing medical care only. It is highly recommended that each medical person become an assistant coach, this allows that person to be with their team on their sideline.

3.0.0 RESTRICTED AREAS

3.1.0 Stadiums:

The spectator area is considered the area of the stadium seats. No spectator is allowed inside the field area. This includes the track area, or the areas around the track. In cases where there is no way to get to the

other side except by going through the track, this should be done quickly. Restricted areas require approved league identification badges to be in.

3.2.0 Other locations:

Any other field that reasonably shows a restricted area should be respected as such. Restricted areas require approved league identification badges to be in.

3.3.0 Team Sideline

As it is with most sports, the general etiquette for seating and spectating is for the spectators to be on their team's side of the field. The "side of the field" in this category is the team's designated side of the field or in cases of one side, their side of the seating area. In most cases, there is no problem with a spectator being on the opposing team's side as long as they are respectful to that team. If a complaint is received for someone failing to respect the team's side or for being unsporting, they will be asked to go to their team's side. If they fail to go to their team's side of the field, they will be asked to leave the venue.

4.0.0 RESTRICTED ITEMS

4.1.0 Please remember that we are guests renting the field locations. If we want good fields, we must take care of them.

4.1.1 Any event location's rules or policies are to be followed by every person participating with a RMYFL event. Any fines by the event location will be passed onto the team and a fine from the League will be added.

4.2.0 There are no sunflower seeds allowed at any event. Also, there are no animals allowed at any venue.

4.3.0 Turf Fields:

Only water is allowed in the field area for liquids. Any liquid found to be in violation of this will be thrown away. If a team is found to be in violation after being warned they may be fined.

4.4.0 Any item that is found to be unsporting or interfering with the game is not allowed. League representatives will determine if an item meets this standard.

5.0.0 EJECTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

5.1.0 As a reminder the coaching staff, primarily the head coach, is responsible for all participants for that team. Any person at a RMYFL can be ejected from the field area.

5.2.0 The required distance required is the area of the field, stadium, and parking lot of the event location.

5.3.0 For each ejection the ejected person has 2 minutes to leave the field area and a total of 4 minutes to leave the area as described above.

5.4.0 Ejecting someone besides team coach or team personnel.

5.4.1 A League representative can eject anyone from the field for failing to follow the sideline policy or bylaws.

5.4.2 After the person(s) has been notified to leave the field and refuses to do so or if for some reasons it is not safe for the League representative to approach that person(s). The following are the guidelines.

A. The coaching staff, preferably the head coach, will be notified of the issue and they should resolve it by having that person(s) leave.

B. If that person still refuses to leave then the officiating team of that game should be made aware. The officiating team will stop the match and will give a maximum of 5 minutes (game clock stops) for that individual(s) to leave the above described area or the match will be abandoned. The League to decide further action from that point.

C. Failure to follow a League representative's directions the first time may result in a fine for the offending team as determined by the Commissioner.

5.5.0 It is the responsibility of every team to clean up after their game. Failure to keep your sideline clean will result in a warning the first time and a \$50 fine the following time.