



2023 Participant/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

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Northwood Football and Cheer Team(s)/League will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer board/coaches from any fan, parent or spectator. There will be no belittling/slander/heckling of any board member, coach, or participant at any NFL functions. This includes anything posted by a participant, parent, coach or board member on the internal and blogging sites such as any/all social media site, etc. Any such actions will result in an immediate removal from the NFL organization. Your participant will also be subject to removal.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

I will, Support my participant's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad and emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my participant and the NFL make athletic contests a positive educational experience. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Reserve constructive criticism of my participant's coach, board member and game official for the appropriate time and place and work toward a positive result for all concerned. Wait until the appropriate/allotted time to ask a question to a coach or board member. (i.e. after practice, email or by phone)

I will not, criticize officials, direct abusive or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work or in deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees, or administration. Hinder any NFL function by harassing a board member, coach or game official. Confront a coach or board member while any children are present.

Fan Code of Conduct

Fans will abide by a code of conduct, which includes the provisions, which follow. If any of these rules are broken, NFL shall have the authority to impose a penalty. Parents/Guardians are responsible for other spectator's actions that have come to watch their NFL participant. Fans Shall:

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders, coaches or board in front of other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later in private.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said official.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other League functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence or possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during games or practices.
7. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practices
8. No express complaints about coaches/board in stands or to coaches/board in front of or around the children (i.e. right after practice or practice)

Violation

Any parent or fan that violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program. The procedure is as follows:

1. Any fan that violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by the head coach or board member and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further activities by the head coach or board member.
3. The head coach along with the executive board will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four week or if the child will be dropped from the program. That decision will depend on the attitude of the parents.
4. Any parent or fans that violates the code of conduct risks future participation in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the board of directors may decide to ban future participation in the program for up to three years.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the NFL Code of Conduct outlined above. I understand and agree to follow all NFL and its affiliates Code of Conduct. There will be no refund of any kind if you and/or your participant are removed from NFL. If you agree to this document, please print, sign and date below:

Parent Printed Name	Parent Signature	Today's Date
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List Your Participant(s) Name on the line above (NOTE: you only need to complete one code of conduct for all of your registered participants)