

Code of Conduct

In order for our football program to teach and communicate good sportsmanship and provide a positive educational environment for our youth, it is imperative that coaches and spectators adhere to strict behavior policies. Our athletes look to us to provide a positive, healthy and fun environment in which to compete. To accomplish this environment, it is critical to give players a good and positive playing venue.

The goal of the DC Dolphins football program is to provide this positive and healthy competitive environment for our children and eliminate unruly behavior by coaches and spectators.

Required behavior for Coaches / Parents / Spectators:

- 1) Display good sportsmanship at all times. LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- 2) Provide positive comments for good play and effort for ALL players
- 3) Encourage players to be good winners and accept losses with good sportsmanship. SHOW RESPECT FOR THE GAME
- 4) Always be cognizant that this is YOUTH sports & the game is for the children and NOT the adults
- 5) Encourage love of the game, respect for the game, respect the game officials, respect your opponents, and teach sound fundamentals and technique for skill growth

Prohibited behavior for Coaches / Parents / Spectators:

- 1) Any Un-Sportsmanlike comments and or behavior
- 2) Any harassing of referees
- 3) Any harassing of opposing coaches, players, and /or spectators
- 4) Any use of profanity
- 5) Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- 6) Any physical and or verbal threats to anyone in attendance
- 7) Any direct OR indirect criticism of opposing players

All head and assistant coaches are responsible for enforcing these AYL & DC Dolphins Football Code of Conduct rules. The coach is responsible for the actions of their respective sidelines. In order to help the coaches, all AYL football officials have been advised not to interact with spectators. Rather, when a violation of the conduct occurs, the referees officiating the game can & may call a time-out and direct the coaches to address the problem. If the conduct persists then those in violation will be flagged with an "Unsportsmanlike" penalty and may be ejected from the game. The violating spectator and or coach shall be suspended from the next regular season or playoff game. If this type of behavior takes place in a subsequent game the result will be suspension from the remaining regular season and any playoff games. If this person is a coach, he/she will also have to go before a league review in order to be reinstated to coach in the league

again. If any person receives two unsportsmanlike penalties because of his / her behavior towards the game referees they will also be ejected, and suspended for 1 game.

Bottom line – ALL head coaches and assistant coaches are responsible for enforcing the AYL & DC Dolphins Football code of Conduct rules with his /her players, parents and spectators.

Should a situation occur where a Referee does not display a command of the game rules, or they themselves display inappropriate behavior, as a coach, you should report on the required pink sheet. The pink sheet is the official review and is mandatory. It is the chosen, and only acceptable, vehicle for league feedback on officiating.

Any display of un-sportsmanlike behavior on behalf of a player cans also result in a player ejection and suspension from the next regular season or playoff game. Any player ejected in a future game will be disqualified from all future regular season and playoff games.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she:

- 1) Has read and understands this Code of Conduct document
- 2) Agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct and associated penalties including payment of fines.
- 3) Agrees to distribute and discuss this Code of Conduct to all of his / her team. Including Coaches, players, and parents.

Coaches Name

Date

Douglas County Dolphins

Team color

E-Mail Address

Signature

Players Name (print)

Players Signature

Date

Players Parent (print)

Parents Signature

Date