

“Parents” Code of Conduct

It is expected that all parents of Panther Youth Sports read and understand the Parent’s Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

- I will not force my child to participate on a Panther sports team. I will try to make it FUN!
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one’s best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn by example (I am a role model). I will teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. I will applaud good plays by both my child’s team and their opponents. I will not be critical of or embarrass any player including opposition players.
- I will never question the official’s judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide team sports for my child.
- I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any Panther sports activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the field or any Panther function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from Panther sports games.
- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team’s strategy or plans.
- I will recognize the importance of volunteers, coaches, and officials and communicate with and support them.
- I will adhere to the 24-Hour Rule. I recognize that if I wish to speak to the head coach regarding my child’s lack of playing time or other similar issue must wait a minimum of 24 hours following a game or scrimmage before contacting the coach to discuss my concerns.
- I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
- I will attempt to learn about the game of my child’s sport (rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child’s development in the game
- I will communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, or Panther representative.
- I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from the use at all youth sports events.
- I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitments, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
- I will remember that my child plays Panther sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) and will be subject to further disciplinary action per the Panther Disciplinary Policy.

"Coach" Code of Conduct

As coaches of Panther Youth Sports, our focus will be to ensure players develop and refine their sports skills, play fair, work hard, learn teamwork, have fun and most importantly, learn to respect themselves, their teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and team sports in general.

I will actively encourage and support the principles of Panther Youth Sports and Zero Tolerance Policy by respecting the rules, players, parents, opponents, officials (and their decisions) and give every player the opportunity to participate.

Additionally,

1. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skill, teaching and evaluation techniques, and strategies of my sport.
2. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
3. I will uphold the authority of the officials assigned to the game in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial, competitive games.
4. I will not be openly critical of any players on my team, opposing teams, officials, coaches or spectators.
5. I will maintain self-control at all times.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
7. I will conduct my practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
8. I will attempt to teach my players to work hard to win, but not to win at all cost.
9. I will communicate to my players and their parents the responsibilities of individuals on our team.
10. I will protect the health and safety of my players by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interest of adults.

Coaching Philosophy

- Teach players the rules and inspire a passion for the game.
- Establish a foundation of life-skills both on and off the field.
- Help players to gain higher self confidence both in themselves and in their teammates.
- Teach the benefits of teamwork and working as a group versus individuality.
- Maximize player's abilities by teaching hard work and skills necessary to meet team and individual goals.
- To be a positive role model for all players.
- Create an atmosphere that is safe and enjoyable.
- To have fun through the game and learn to become better people.