

Oriole Park Falcons Youth Football and Cheerleading

Grievance Policy

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If any parent/guardian or participant has a concern or grievance, the following procedures must be followed:

*Wait 24-hours after the incident and then talk to the participant's head coach.

*If the parent/guardian or participant is still not satisfied, either the OPYF President or Vice-President should be contacted.

*If at this time, the parent/guardian or participant feels the matter is still not resolved, the concern should be brought to the OPYF Executive Board for further investigation and discussion.

*If at this point, the parent/guardian or participant is still not satisfied, the OPYF President will bring the matter to the Northern Illinois UYFL Conference Board. **At no time should any individual, other than the OPYF President, contact the Conference or National Board**

Code of Conduct

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The ideology of youth sports, including this program, is to promote a good understanding and fundamental knowledge of the sport. It is also critical that good sportsmanship, including conducting oneself in an appropriate manner of positive accord, is upheld both on and off the field. It is understood that any incident considered detrimental to the pursuit of this ideology will not be tolerated. It will be addressed in accordance with the statutes of the Association, Conference, Current National Affiliation, State and Local Laws, and may result in dismissal from the program and the inability to participate in any future related activities of the Association. This Code of Conduct applies to all involved with this program including, but not limited to, the football players, cheerleaders, parents, guardians, coaches, and volunteers.

Equipment Responsibility

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I, the parent/legal guardian, assume full responsibility for any and all equipment/uniforms loaned to my child/ward and I agree to promptly return, upon request, the equipment/uniforms in as good condition as when received, normal wear and tear excepted. If I fail to adhere to this policy, I will be responsible for and promptly pay the full replacement cost of such equipment/uniforms.

Helmet Waiver (for football participants)

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Participant's Initial _____

We acknowledge, and we understand the risks involved in my child/ward, my playing football, which is a collision sport. The NOCSAE committee has adopted the following warning to be read by, and signed by both the parent/guardian and participant:

"DO NOT USE THIS HELMET TO BUTT, RAM OR SPEAR AN OPPOSING PLAYER. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF FOOTBALL RULES AND CAN RESULT IN SEVERE HEAD, BRAIN OR NECK INJURY, PARALYSIS OR DEATH AND POSSIBLE INJURY TO YOUR OPPONENT. THERE IS A RISK THAT THESE INJURIES MAY ALSO OCCUR AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITHOUT INTENT TO BUTT, RAM OR SPEAR. NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL SUCH INJURIES."

Additional Consent:

I, the parent/legal guardian, understand and agree that if my child/ward qualifies for post-season activities, including but not limited to National football/cheer events, I will be responsible for all travel, room and board expenses, in which additional fundraising may be available to help minimize these costs.

I, the parent/legal guardian, understand and agree that my child/ward's specific level of participation will be determined by the OPYF Board, based on current Northern Illinois UYFL and National UYF rules and guidelines, child's safety and his/her best interest.

I, the parent/legal guardian, agree to attend the mandatory parent meeting and abide by all OPYF, Northern Illinois UYFL and National UYF rules, policies, and guidelines.

I, the parent/legal guardian, understand and agree that all required fees, forms, and a copy of my child/ward's birth certificate must be handed in to an OPYF Board member before my child/ward can participate in any OPYF, Northern Illinois UYFL, and/or National UYFL activities.

I, the parent/legal guardian, fully understand that the OPYF program is run solely by volunteers and that I (or another designated **adult** member of the participant's family), agree to volunteer/work at least four (4) hours during home or playoff games this season as an essential requirement of my child's/ward's participation. (Football families only)

I, the parent/legal guardian, understand that OPYF highly stresses the importance of academic performance and my child/ward will maintain a "C" or above average in school during the season. To be eligible for any academic awards, I agree to furnish OPYF with my child/ward's final report card containing all grading periods from the previous (2019-2020), school year.

I, the parent/legal guardian, have read the above Code of Conduct, Equipment Responsibility, Waivers, Policies, and Consents. I fully understand, agree to, and accept these terms without exception.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____