

WESTERN WASHINGTON FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Western Washington Football Alliance (WWFA) and its teams are committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all fans, both in the stadium and in the parking lot. We want all fans attending our games to enjoy the experience in a responsible fashion. When attending a game, you are required to refrain from the following behaviors and items:

WWFA POLICIES:

The WWFA is about true sportsmanship. This league is and will be setting the example of a new direction for this sport. All members of this league will adhere to all policies in this Player Code of Conduct. In order for the league to move forward and be noticed in every community, there has to be a standard of sportsmanship, authority and maturity. Owners and coaches are the most influential asset to this league, and the Governing Body have the highest standards for these members. With their dedication, passion and the ability to uphold these policies set forth by the WWFA and Governing Body, we envision this league moving forward to greater destinations.

ZERO TOLERANCE:

WWFA continues to strive to the highest standards of sportsmanship. Every member of this organization whether they may be players, coaches, officials, staff, and spectators should always support the leagues Zero Tolerance Policy. We are not only focused on providing great game entertainment, but also demonstrating how great sportsmanship and presentation is important to the kids as well as the community.

WHAT ZERO TOLERANCE MEANS:

- All members and/or participants for and/or within the WWFA shall act respectful and in a sportsmanlike manner during all events and/or social media outlets. Disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- By upholding this policy, members of the WWFA demonstrate respect and dignity in a sportsmanlike manner so that all parties within minor/semi-pro football leagues and organization remain desirable and rewarding with the best football entertainment and experience.
- Violators of our Zero Tolerance policy will be addressed by our Governing Body. Each situation and/or occurrence will be reviewed, discussed and handled according to the guidelines set forth by the Governing Body and Bylaws of the WWFA.

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY VIOLATIONS:

Any WWFA members found to be in violation of this policy, will be immediately removed from the League and will not be able to participate thereafter.

- Criminal offenses include, but are not limited to, those involving: the use or threat of violence, domestic violence and other forms of partner abuse, theft and other property crimes, sex offenses, obstruction or resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fraud, racketeering, and money laundering.
- Possession of a gun or other weapon in any setting, including but not limited to stadiums, team facilities, locker rooms, buses, parking lots, etc., or unlawful possession of a weapon.
- Conduct that imposes inherent danger to the safety and well-being of another person.
- Conduct that undermines or puts at risk the integrity and reputation of the WWFA and/or members.
- Illegal drugs on the grounds of any School/Stadium, buses or parking areas.
- Smoking is banned at all times on the grounds of any School/Stadium, buses or parking lot areas (or Approved Facility).
- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature.
- Use of foul or abusive language or obscene gestures.
- Alcohol on the grounds of any School/Stadium, or approved facility parking area. The WWFA reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone attempting to gain access with alcohol.
- Firearms on the grounds of any School/Stadium, or approved facility parking area. The WWFA reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone attempting to gain access with firearms.
- Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the field).
- Failing to follow instructions of stadium personnel or referees.
- Verbal or physical harassment of fans, staff, players or referees.
- Event patrons (players, coaching staff, etc.) are responsible for their conduct as well as the conduct of their guests. Stadium staff will promptly intervene to support an environment where event patrons, their guests, and other fans can enjoy the event free from the above behavior.
- Event patrons and guests who violate these provisions will be subject to ejection/arrest without refund and loss of ticket privileges for future games.

DOCTORS ORDERS:

- Players will abide by doctor's decisions in all matters of player's health, injuries and physical ability to play.
- Owners and Coaches will provide a doctor's note for tinted visors to the white hat prior to each game. No exceptions.
- Players will abide by decisions from game-day medical staff.

PLAYER PLAY CONDUCT:

- Players will show courtesy and respect to coaches, owners, teammates, fans, officials, & opponents.
- Players acknowledge that athletic contests, including practice sessions are educational experiences and opportunities.
- Players will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Players will not engage in rude behavior.
- Players will not enter in the stands to argue or fight with fans.
- Players will not fight.

MEDIA POLICY & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

Social media is a huge part of a team's existence; however, there are boundaries that must be followed. The reputation of each organization within your community relies heavily on how each team represents themselves.

Violation of the following rules will result in a 1 full game suspension, and 2nd violation will result in a 2nd game suspension, 3rd violation will be subject to removal from the WWFA permanently.

- The WWFA grants the use of the WWFA logo to be used on any media outlet and or marketing projects, under certain criteria. The WWFA logo cannot be used in any closed or open social group that consists of any slander/disrespect and/or any shown aspect of unsportsmanship behavior set forth by any member/player/staff within the WWFA or if used solely for commercial gain.
- The WWFA Media and its assigned members may use any media material through either photography and/or video for promotional and/or editorial purposes in any media outlet to gain more exposure for those members within the WWFA, as approved by the Governing Body.
- Any communication that is intended to harass, belittle, humiliate, threaten or cause embarrassment to a fellow member and/or team.
- Material that contains vulgar, obscene or indecent language or images.
- Any communication that contains spam (multiple copies in one area or the same communication in multiple areas).
- Material that defames, abuses or threatens others.

- Statements that are bigoted, hateful or racially offensive.
- Material that advocates illegal activity or discusses illegal activities with the intent to commit them.
- Off-topic material that impedes or otherwise prohibits communication; disrupts the discussion including, without limitation, using fan names in topical boards that are offensive to the topic, the team, the sport and/or its fans, and repeatedly posting off-topic messages in a topical message board.

TEAM CONTRACTS:

- Following the WWFA Championship Game, each player is a free agent and must sign a new contract any time after January 1st to be on a team in the WWFA. In addition, the previous year's roster does not constitute membership for the upcoming season until every player has signed a new contract for the new season.
- All signatures of new/returning players under any new season's contracts are due to the WWFA by the Date posted or announced to the Teams each year.
- The end of each WWFA season is at the end of the WWFA Championship Game each year or the All-Star Game if Played.
- The beginning of each season of the WWFA commences as of the 1st scheduled League meeting set by the President or the Governing Body. Any player that "was" under a contract with "any" WWFA team during any one season is considered by the WWFA to be a "free agent".
- Once a player signs a contract with a WWFA team, the player can only be released from the contract by the Team Owner or authorized personnel of said team, or at the end of the WWFA Season.

***** Policies may be updated with-out prior notice*****