

### PF3 Code of Conduct

If benefits are to be derived from athletics, the highest standard of conduct and sportsmanship must be maintained. The conduct and sportsmanship of the players, coaches, and others associated with the Premier Flag Football Federation should be exemplary. Everyone participating should conduct themselves so that they are a credit to the sport.

Players and team representatives are to abide by, and follow the rules of the guidelines below.

- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, team representatives, and officials at every game by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Treat team representatives, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities.
- Do not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any team representative, player, league official, or any other attendee.
- Do not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of a team representative, player, league official, or any other attendee.
- Do not engage in the excessive use of profanity including racial slurs.
- Do not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any team representative, player, league official or any other attendee.
- Do not initiate a fight or scuffle with any team representative, player, league official, or any other attendee.

If players or team representatives fail to abide by the above code of conduct they will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by an official and/or removal from the game
- Penalties by an official that may affect the outcome of a game
- Suspension & Fines
- Lifetime ban from all PF3 events (leagues and tournaments)

Players and team representatives must understand that they must uphold the PF3 Player Code of Conduct at all times. All players and coaches should know the importance of sportsmanship. In order to keep this league successful, and be able to secure our fields for years to come, this code of conduct must be strictly adhered to.

By receiving an invitation to play in a PF3 league/event please understand that it's because your team is not only talented, but has previously displayed a high standard of sportsmanship. Let's show everyone why they would want to compete in the Premier Flag Football Federation!

**"Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself."**

**Paul "Bear" Bryant**



### Suspensions and Fines

Everyone that is involved with Premier Flag Football Federation (PF3) events need to be aware of the following disciplinary actions involving personal fouls, fighting, etc. It is extremely important that the PF3 Code of Conduct is followed so we can create a great environment for our teams, their families and the fans who want to come enjoy our games. Individual players and teams who are involved in unsportsmanlike acts will be penalized for their actions. Below is the list of offenses broken down in levels, and the suspensions / fines that will be levied for each.

#### Level 1 offense

Unsportsmanlike acts:

- Pushing or bumping an opponent after a play has been blown dead
- Throwing flag belts at or away from an opponent intended to delay game.
- Excessively taunting an opponent or a staff member

Suspension & fines:

- 1st offense – 5 minute sit down
- 2nd offense – immediate ejection and 2 additional games - \$50 fine

#### Level 2 offense

Unsportsmanlike acts:

- Conduct unbecoming towards staff, game official, opponent, or bystander
- Dirty play
- Leveling an opponent after the play
- Hitting a defenseless player
- Tripping an opponent
- Tackling an opponent
- Leaving the bench to be involved in an altercation
- Threatening an opponent or staff member at any time
- Contact or arguing with a referee.
- Unethical offensive gestures
- Excessively taunting an opponent before, after or during a game

Suspension & fines:

- 1st offense – immediate ejection and 2 additional games - \$50 fine
- 2nd offense - immediate ejection and 4 additional games - \$100 fine
- 3rd offense – immediate ejection and 6 month suspension - \$200 fine
- 4th offense – Lifetime PF3 ban



### Suspensions and Fines (Continued)

#### Level 3 offense

Unsportsmanlike acts: (no punches thrown)

- Spitting at an opponent
- Wrestling with an opponent with intent to injure during or after a play is over
- Tackling an opponent with the intent to injure during or after a play is over
- Throwing an object (football, flag belt, etc.) with the intent to harm

Suspension & fines:

- 1st offense - immediate ejection and 4 additional games - \$100 fine
- 2nd offense – immediate ejection and 6 month suspension - \$200 fine
- 3rd offense - Lifetime PF3 ban

#### Level 4 offense

Unsportsmanlike acts:

- Punching an opponent with intent to injure
- Hands to the face of an opponent with intent to injure
- Kicking an opponent with intent to injure

Suspension & fines:

- 1st offense – 1 year suspension and \$300 fine
- 2nd offense - Lifetime PF3 ban

#### Level 5 offense

Unsportsmanlike act:

- Threatening an opponent with a weapon

Suspension & fines:

- 1st offense - Lifetime PF3 ban

#### Early Payoff and Additional Info

All fines and suspensions may be reduced by half if paid within 7 days of receiving official notice of suspension and fine from the PF3. Lifetime PF3 ban is the only exception to this rule.



### Other Violations

#### Team rules for Bench Clearing Incidents:

If more than 4 players or coaches leave the sideline during an altercation the following will be imposed! (More than 5 yards into the field of play will be considered leaving the sideline)

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game forfeit!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Full season will be forfeited! All their wins will be changed to losses. Team fees will not be refunded.

Pro team (A Comp) in violation – Pro (A Comp) invitation the following season will not be given.

The PF3 is prepared to play with less teams if needed.

If teams don't want to just play football they will be eliminated.

#### Captains Leaving Sidelines

Captains must call a timeout in order to step onto the field of play.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 15 yard unsportsmanlike penalty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – immediate ejection - additional 2 game suspension - \$50 fine

More than 5 yards into the field of play will be considered leaving the sideline.

#### Rules for team fans and/or family members

Team captains will be given one (1) warning if they have fans or family members that are showing poor sportsmanship considered a distraction to the game. It is up to that team's captain to help correct this issue.

- For each and every incident after that the team will be penalized 15 yards.

Examples of poor sportsmanship:

- Yelling obscenities at other players, coaches, officials, or league management
- Threatening other players, coaches, officials, or league management
- Excessive taunting of players, coaches, officials, or league management





### Other Violations

#### Other:

In any case where a captain, team representative, or player is ejected from a game they must leave the property immediately. Games will not resume until this is done. Refusal to leave the property may result in a forfeit for his team and law enforcement will be called.

Based on the severity of the individuals offense they may be allowed to come to the field and support their teams while serving suspension as long as they are able to follow the Code of Conduct. If they are a distraction to the event in any way their suspensions and fines will be doubled, and law enforcement will be called.

All fines and suspensions may be adjusted based on overall involvement and severity.

Teams will be penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct if suspended players are caught playing.

Players caught playing while on suspension will have their suspensions and fines doubled.

15 yard team penalties will be assessed for each and every offense listed (Level 1 through 5)

When an incident occurs the field manager's main position will be to keep the camera rolling. They will take as much video and photos as possible. These photos and film will be reviewed and used in the suspension and fine process. Individuals who are not caught at the field breaking the rules may still be subject to suspensions and fines based on what is caught on camera.



### INCIDENT REPORT FORM

PLAYER:	TEAM NAME	TEAM CAPTAIN:
DATE OF INCIDENT:	TIME OF INCIDENT:	LOCATION:

#### INCIDENT DETAILS

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

CAUSE OF INCIDENT:

OTHER INVOLVED:

I, the undersigned confirm that the details in this incident report written above are correct.

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
OFFICIAL 1:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
OFFICIAL 2:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
OFFICIAL 3:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
OTHER WITNESS:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
OTHER WITNESS:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:

#### PROPOSED DECIPLINARY ACTIONS FROM LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

#### FINAL DECIPLINARY ACTION IMPOSED BY LEAGUE OWNER

SUSPENSION	FINE
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### SUSPENSION & FINE NOTICE (SAMPLE)

Team Captain: \_

It's unfortunate to have to suspend a player, but as the PF3 needs to protect the players rights to play at our great facilities, and uphold the PF3's code of conduct policy against these types of actions.

Please pass the following suspension and fine info to your player(s) in violation.

Date of Offense: \_

Player: \_

Uniform #: \_

Team: \_

Incident Type: \_

Incident Details: \_

Offense Level: \_

Suspension: \_

Fine: \_

All fines and suspensions may be reduced by half if paid within 7 days of receiving this notification.

7 day fine payoff option ends: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 8pm MST

7 day fine payoff alternate eligibility date: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 8pm MST

Eligibility date if 7 day fine payoff option passes deadline: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 8pm MST

Full reinstatement will not be granted until suspension has been served and all fines have been paid.

All fines are required to be paid on the PF3 website.

<http://www.premierflagfootball.com/paymentcenter>

Select the link that says "PF3 Fines and Fees " to submit payment

