

Appleton Youth Football Association -CODE OF CONDUCT

I. PHILOSOPHY

A. AYFA provides students/players with additional opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, skill development, cooperation with others, exploration of personal interests, creativity, self-advocacy, time management skills, and fun. Although the co-curricular program is a valuable part of the total educational experience and equally accessible to every student, participation in co-curricular programs is not a right. As such, all participants must abide by all rules and responsibilities outlined in the code to continue participating in these activities.

B. This code includes provisions for support, intervention, and referral to help students achieve their full potential. Participation in co-curricular opportunities fosters important life experiences that help students prepare for life in and beyond high school. Ultimately, the co-curricular code is a tool meant to encourage students to make healthy life choices.

II. GOALS OF CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

A. Participation in the AYFA program is an important part of the experience. It provides opportunities for learning experiences. When participants and their parents/guardians fully commit to a co-curricular activity, the following objectives can be achieved:

1. To develop leadership skills that seek to promote goal setting, work ethic, and personal resolve. This can be accomplished through hard work, overcoming challenges, communicating effectively, understanding commitment, navigating adversity, and appreciating success.
2. To teach attitudes of responsibility and cooperation and to help students realize that participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege with accompanying responsibilities.
3. To help students learn and develop good habits of health and safety.
4. To provide activities that help to create school unity, a sense of connectedness, and self-confidence.
5. To provide activities for learning self-discipline, loyalty, team play, personal pride, pride in the organization, respect for the rights of others, and the will to be successful.
6. To provide students with opportunities for competition in their areas of interest and skill.
7. To provide students with opportunities to place the unit, team, squad, class, and school above personal desires.
8. To provide students/players with the value of sportsmanship/respect on and off the field.

Attendance: During when school is in session- Unless an absence has been pre-arranged (doctor/dental appointment, court, funeral, etc..) or administratively approved, a student must be in school for the entire day to participate in any practice or contest.

Players Participating in Co-Curricular activities within the AYFA are expected to:

- Abide by all school rules as defined in the Parent/Student handbook, Student Agenda, and Board Policy.
- Refrain from possessing, using, and/or being under the influence of controlled substances or intoxicants (including, but not limited to, alcohol, non-alcoholic beer or wine, tobacco, or electronic cigarettes). This does not include drugs prescribed to students by a person licensed to do so.

Consequences for not abiding by all school rules/or outside expectations within the AYFA (as defined above):

- Any OSS (out-of-school suspension) or ISS (In in-school suspension) will result in the loss of participation for at least the duration of the suspension and may include additional events or performances that occur after the suspension is complete.
- Other misbehavior while at school or off school grounds may also result in a loss of participation from co-curricular activities. This will be defined by the coaches/club director within our mission statement and values.

Players Code of Conduct: For Players:

A. _____, I Pledge the following:

1. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score.
2. I will show respect to all game officials, coaches, players, and parents on and off the field, during AYFA-hosted events or participation. Including the Attendance of Appleton High School Level Football Games.
3. I will not argue with, or question decisions made by the on-field game officials.
4. I will not use drugs, tobacco, or alcohol at any practice or game and will remind others on my team not to do so.
5. I will shake hands with the other team at the conclusion of all games, with no exceptions.
6. I will shake hands with the officials at the conclusion of all games. I understand that I can be suspended from the game and or tournament play for violation of this Player's Code of Conduct.
7. I will keep all my academic standards that need to be met within the AASD.
8. I will be held responsible for being an honest, respectable student who will follow all expectations of my school and the teachers in the school I attend.

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct:

The Appleton Youth Football Association seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our communities' youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending AYFA-sponsored events help us by reflecting these same character traits at games. When attending AYFA sponsored events,

I therefore agree:

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures, etc.
- I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- I will do my part to keep sports fun and positive for every youth participant. I realize that if I violate this Code of Conduct.

I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include being removed from the game. If the negative behavior continues, further action may be required.

By signing below, the Parent/Guardian and spectators, you agree to abide by and be subject to this Code of Conduct within the AYFA: B. _____

