

The goal of the South Lyon Panthers Organization is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (League Officials, Coaches, and Game Officials), other players and other spectators.

The Panthers Organization WILL NOT TOLERATE verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from ANY ADULT, PLAYER, and PARENT OR SPECTATOR.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS, JUST AS PLAYERS AND COACHES are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct described here at all Panthers Organization events.

While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this Code of Conduct without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of the Panthers Organization.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent or spectator, I will:

1. Support the Coaches, Volunteers, and Participants and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and the Panthers Organization make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the Head Coach and/or Board Members at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
7. Strive to make every Football/Cheer/Pom activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
8. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.

10. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any Panthers event.

As a parent or spectator, I will not:

1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. In any way at any Panthers game, practice or any Panthers Organization event, conduct myself in a manner that fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this Code of Conduct.

CONSEQUENCES OF BEHAVIOR

At any Panthers event, practice, or competition, ANY ADULT (SPECTATOR OR COACH) who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or Panthers official, will be asked to leave the event. If the adult fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities will be called to remove said adult.

ANY ADULT that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this Code of Conduct may be banned from Panthers events for the remainder of that season and any future season.

Law enforcement authorities will be called to remove ANY ADULT who physically assaults an official, coach, Panthers official, player, participant or another spectator. Said adult will be banned from Panthers Organization events. The Panthers Board of Directors will determine all disciplinary actions.

After one year, the adult may apply to the Board of Directors for re-instatement. The Panthers may, at its discretion, lift the ban.

The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.