

# Code of Conduct



Brookings Youth Football (BYF) strives to provide an opportunity for all interested Brookings youth to develop their football skills. Emphasis is placed on teaching and reinforcing sound football fundamentals. Youth are encouraged to gain an understanding of teamwork, proper sportsmanship, and the rules of the game. Highest priority is given to making the experience an enjoyable one for young athletes. The following Codes of Conduct for all players, parents & coaches have been set forward to achieve these goals.

These Codes of Conduct are an agreement between BYF players, parents, and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game, as well as maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. The Codes of Conduct can be summarized in the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Abiding by rules & regulations of the game.

## **1. Demonstrating a positive attitude**

Players, parents, and coaches are expected to show a positive, respectful attitude for everyone involved in the sport. Criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, coaches, or fans undermine the purpose of sport and encourage behavior contrary to the spirit of the game and the mission of BYF.

## **2. Setting a good example**

Each person associated with BYF is accountable for his/her own behavior at all times on or off the field. Parents, coaches, and other adults should remember that children learn by example – it is up to the adults to set good examples. BYF will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport, the participants, or the community. Such conduct includes: Vulgarity by coaches, players or parents; harassment or belittling of officials, coaches, or players; verbal abuse, threats, or physical violence towards anyone before, during, or after a game; and the taunting of opposing players, coaches, and parents. We require thorough self-restraint by all participants – both players and adults. Team must exercise appropriate control over those who fail to control themselves.

## **3. Abide by rules & regulations of the game**

The referee's job is a difficult one. Parents or players who believe their team has been treated unfairly should speak to their coach after the game. Coaches should inform the appropriate league or tournament officials about blatant officiating problems.

Players and coaches are required to maintain a sense of fair play and be respectful of officials, opposing players, coaches and fans at all times. Sportsmanship begins with respect.

*Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in:*

- *A Parent being suspended and/or removed from practice/game/tournament.*
- *A Coach being suspended and/or removed from practice/game/tournament.*
- *A Player being benched by the team's coach for player or parent misconduct before, during, or after game(s).*
- *A player, Parent, Coach, or family member could be released from Association.*

Any violations of the code of conduct will be reviewed by the BYF Board to determine the final outcome of the violation. Player, parent or coach will be indefinitely suspended during this review period.

# Player's Code of Conduct



**Players** are required to treat teammates, opponents, and officials with respect. This respect will help to demonstrate good character and respectfully represent your team. Each player is expected to use proper skill and technique when participating in practice or games.

As a BYF player, I will:

- Play for fun, myself, and my team.
- Work hard to improve my skills. Give 100% in practice and games.
- Be on time for practice and games. Notify the coach if you will be absent.
- Make every effort to attend all practices and games.
- Be a team player, respect my teammates, coaches, parents, opponents, and officials.
- Not engage in any activity that involves taunting, berating, or instigating any conflicts.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Learn the rules and play by them.
- Never argue with an official's decision.
- Understand that I represent my team, coaches, and BYF.
- Understand my rights to play in an environment free from harassment and/or abuse in any form. Report any such incidents to the head coach immediately. Consequences for these incidents will be handled at the coach/board's discretion.
- Treat classmates and teachers with respect. I understand that when I wear my game jersey on Fridays not only am I representing BYF, but I am representing Coach Clark and the high school program as well.
- I will properly use and care for the equipment and facilities. I will respect and take care of the equipment BYF allows me to use during the season. Failure to do this will result in the player missing their following game and/or penalty in the form of deposit forfeiture.

I have read and will strive to follow the above player's code of conduct.