

OPLL Code of Conduct 2020

In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, the OPLL Board has pledged to enforce a Code of Conduct that will ensure the physical, mental and emotional well-being of all of its participants and coaches. Our goal is to ensure that all of our participants and coaches will thrive in an environment where respect and camaraderie abound

OPLL recognizes the physical and competitive nature of the sport, and as such we recognize the need for control of all participants as well as coaches. Therefore, all Parents and Coaches are responsible to read and sign the Code of Conduct and ensure that they adhere to it. Any Parent, Player* or Coach who is deemed in violation of this code will be referred to the OPLL Executive Committee for a resolution. The Executive Committee will make its recommendation to the OPLL Board. Majority of Board rules.

Anyone deemed in violation of this Code of Conduct may be subject to **SUSPENSION** or **EXPULSION** from the Orchard Park Little Loop Football.

Parent's Code of Conduct

1. I will be responsible for my behavior as well as for the behavior of those who attend the game/practices as my guest.
2. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Code of Conduct.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
4. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
5. I will be in control of my emotions.
6. I will remain in the spectator area during games/practices.
7. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
8. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
9. I will not advise the coach(es) on how to do his/her job.

10. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will not drink alcohol at a game/practice or come to one intoxicated.
11. I will remember that the game is for our youth – NOT ADULTS – and that participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right.
12. I will show respect for all participants at all times.
13. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
14. I will not instruct my child to harm any other participants.
15. I will not coach my child during the game/practice.
16. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
17. I will not make insulting comments to players, parents, officials or coaches of either team.
18. I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
19. I will require that my child's coach(es) be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport coach and that the coach(es) upholds the Code of Conduct.
20. I will thank coaches, officials and other volunteers who have conducted the event.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will show respect for my head coach, assistant coaches and fellow players.
2. I promise to arrive at all practices and games on time or provide an appropriate excuse beforehand.
3. I will honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
4. I will refrain from using abusive language and/or arguing with officials, coaches or other players.
5. I accept the fact that a violation of this code may result in my suspension or dismissal as a player.

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all of my players.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will treat each player as an individual, promising to encourage and reassure them as I teach the fundamentals of football and sportsmanship.
4. I will accept responsibility for the actions of my team and for proper communication with officials and opposing teams.
5. I will honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
6. I will encourage every player to honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
7. I will refrain from intimidating officials or inciting players, coaches or spectators to demonstrate.
8. I will refrain from shouting, yelling, throwing equipment or using abusive language.
9. I accept the fact that a violation of this code may result in my suspension or dismissal as a coach.

Policy Enforcement

1. Individuals may be given one warning for inappropriate activity. An act may be deemed egregious and require escalation of the discipline procedure.
2. Individuals that continue will be asked to leave the fields. If the individual who continues the inappropriate activity is a parent or guest of a player, the player will be removed from the game until the guest/parent has left.
3. Other sanctions as deemed necessary by the OPLLF Board may be enforced, including suspension and or permanent ban.
4. All decisions of OPLLF Board are final; there will be no appeals.

Penalties may include:

- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parent, Player, or Coach - game and or season suspension
- Parent, Player, or Coach - permanent expulsion

Parent/Guardian: _____

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Player: _____

Head Coach: _____

Date: _____

*The use of the term "player" is intended to apply to participants of OPLLF football players and cheerleaders.