

2026 - NYFL Code of Conduct Form

Nutmeg Youth Football League and each of the associated towns as part of the league will not tolerate verbal abuse of its coaches and referees from any Fan, Parent or Spectator. Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that “Honors the Game” of football and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. The essential elements in this “Code of Conduct” are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. This form must be returned to the head coach before the first game of the season otherwise prohibiting participation.

PLAYERS’, COACHES’, AND FANS CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, Coaches and Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If the code is broken, NYFL has the authority to impose a penalty as outlined below.

Players, Coaches and Fans shall:

1. Always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators and not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Refrain from using physical/verbal abuse or profane language at any NYFL functions.
4. 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 the game and practice fields.
5. Fans will not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
6. Fans will not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
7. Fans will not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches around the children.

VIOLATION

1. Any player or fan who violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by the head coach or NYFL board member and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If a fan fails to leave upon request, the player can be suspended by the head coach or NYFL board member.
3. The head coach along with the executive board will decide the duration of the suspension.
4. Any parent or fan who violates the code of conduct risks the future participation of his/her children in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the NYFL board may decide to ban future participation in the program.

CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS/FANS

Athlete’s Code

I will: emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach’s authority.

I will not: Use profanity or talk “trash” before, during or after any game. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize my teammates. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

Fan’s Code

I will: Support my child’s team and teach the value of commitment to the team, emphasizing the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child make athletic contests a positive educational experience and show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child’s program to the NYFL or Town board and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

I will not: Criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

Player’s Name (PRINT)

Player’s Signature

Team Name

Parents Name (PRINT)

Parents Signature

Date