

# **KINGSTON YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION PLAYERS AND PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT - FOOTBALL**

The Kingston Youth Sports Association (KYSA) is dedicated to providing opportunities for young football players and cheerleaders to improve their physical fitness, develop athletic skills and participate in a team sport. Emphasis is placed on fun, individual and team participation.

All players, parents or guardians, team volunteers, spectators and coaches are expected to maintain and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout their association with the program.

The objective of this Code of Conduct is to encourage standards of behavior and positive attitudes while ensuring due process for misconduct.

Any team representative, coach, parent or guardian, team volunteer, official opponent, or member of the Board of Directors may initiate an investigation by notifying the Board of Directors of any incident by players, parents or guardians, coaches, officials, team volunteers or members of the Board of Directors, that they believe violates any part of the Code of Conduct.

## **PLAYERS**

All players and cheerleaders are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at practices, scrimmages and games according to the following guidelines.

### **Personal Conduct**

Players and cheerleaders are expected to display a positive, cooperative, respectful attitude to teammates, coaches, officials, volunteers and opponents, and to practice good sportsmanship before, during and after all games. Violations of this policy include:

- Swear, taunting, or derogatory comments or gestures.
- Fighting, unsafe, disruptive or abusive behavior.
- Any deliberate abuse of equipment or facilities, at home or away games.
- Theft, damage or abuse of equipment or personal possessions.

### **Equipment / Uniforms**

Players and cheerleaders are expected to wear required equipment / uniforms to practices, scrimmages and games.

### **Illegal substances**

Use of alcohol, tobacco and controlled or any illegal substance is strictly prohibited.

## **School**

Players and cheerleaders are expected to maintain their grades and attendance in school, and may be suspended for practices / games when:

- Serving school detentions
- Serving in or out of school suspensions
- Absent from classes without an approved excuse
- Truant
- Expelled

## **Consequences**

If a player/cheerleader is in violation of any of the above policies during a practice, scrimmage or game, it is up to the discretion of the team coach or representative to determine if it warrants a suspension for a portion or the remainder of the event.

Afterwards, his/her parents or guardians will be notified as soon as possible by the team coach or representative. A meeting should be scheduled with the player, parents or guardians, and coaches to investigate the specific violation.

If found to be true, results of the investigation will be reported to the KYSA Board of Directors to determine the consequences, which may include one of the following:

- Suspension for one or a specified number of games.
- Suspension for the remainder of the current season - reinstatement must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the next season.
- Permanent suspension from the program.

## **PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

Parents/guardians are expected to provide a positive example for the players and conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the KYSA Code of Conduct. As such, they should:

- Encourage their sons/daughters in a positive manner and emphasize the importance of achieving common goals through teamwork.
  - Support their sons/daughters in following team rules and coaches' demands, including arrival times and attendance.
  - Understand that if their sons/daughters miss scheduled practices, it may affect his/her participation time in a game.
  - Refrain from criticizing officials. If necessary, decisions can be questioned through appropriate channels, but not in the presence of the players.
  - Become involved by volunteering time and talents to the program.
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