



Parent, Player & Coach Code of Conduct

Our Panther Standard

The Washington Panthers Youth Football Program exists to create leaders, build character, and develop champions. Winning is important, but never more important than integrity, sportsmanship, safety, accountability, and respect. Every participant represents the Program both on and off the field and is expected to uphold the Panther Standard.

Player Expectations

Players will give maximum effort, demonstrate coachability, respect teammates, opponents, officials, and volunteers, attend practices prepared to learn, care for Program equipment, compete with sportsmanship, avoid bullying, hazing, profanity, or unsportsmanlike conduct, and understand that playing time is earned through effort, attitude, attendance, preparation, and commitment to the team.

Parent Expectations

Parents are expected to encourage all participants, model positive sportsmanship, respect officials and coaches, avoid coaching from the sidelines, address concerns through respectful communication, support team rules, and remember that athlete development is the Program's primary mission. Unsportsmanlike behavior, abusive language, threats, or harassment toward players, officials, volunteers, or spectators will not be tolerated.

Coach Expectations

Coaches will place athlete safety first, teach proper fundamentals, promote confidence and character, lead with professionalism, communicate respectfully with families, enforce team standards fairly, and serve as positive role models. Coaches shall never use humiliation, intimidation, discrimination, or retaliation as motivational tools and will follow Program, USA Football, and league requirements.

Accountability

Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including verbal warnings, suspension from practices or games, removal from Program activities, or permanent dismissal when warranted. The Program Director and Board reserve the authority to determine appropriate corrective action in the best interest of participant safety and the Washington Panthers Youth Football Program.

Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to uphold the Washington Panthers Youth Football Program Code of Conduct and will conduct myself in a manner that reflects the values of the Program both on and off the field.

Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Coach (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____