

Football Player Code of Conduct

EAST BAY BUCCANEERS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER RULES The East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football League has developed a set of disciplinary rules by which all football players and their coaches will abide. Those rules will be used as a guideline for the Board of Directors Disciplinary Committee in the event it is deemed necessary. All players will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will have a positive reflection on our league. It is the responsibility of each player and his/her parent/guardian to read and fully understand the consequences that will result if there are any infractions of these rules.

The Tri County Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference (TCYFCC) and the East Bay Buccaneers Youth Football & Cheerleading Organization define the full season as beginning of July through December 31st. Basic conditioning begins June 1st as determined by TCYFCC. Head coaches will be responsible for communicating to their team the conditioning schedule.

PRACTICES

Practice Schedule

- *Weeks 1- 4 of the season: Monday – Friday 6:15pm to 8:15pm*
- *Weeks 5 & 6 of the season: Monday – Thursday 6:15pm to 8:15pm*
- *Week 7 through the end of the season: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 6:15pm to 8:15pm*

1. All practices are mandatory. The only excused absences will be for attending church, school functions, illness, vacations, and family emergencies. It is very important that even though they are excused, that you notify the head coach as soon as possible.
2. Practice schedules are subject to change due to weather, holidays, and playoff season. Always show up to practice regardless of the weather at your home (unless you are notified prior to leaving).
3. IT IS MANDATORY THAT PARENTS/GUARDIAN STAY WITH THEIR CHILD DURING ALL LEAGUE FUNCTIONS! There must always be a parent/guardian (or someone 18 years and older) at all practices, games, competitions, and any other league functions in case of emergency or inclement weather. You must make arrangements with the head coach if you will not be on-site. If you drop your child off without any prior arrangements with the head coach, your child will be considered abandoned and he/she will be taken to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. This also applies to parents that sit in their vehicles. We must know ahead of time and have a way to reach you. We may not have time to find you in the event of an emergency.
4. ALL paperwork must be turned in and registration money must be paid before you can begin practicing with your team.
5. Electronic devices (cell phone, iPad/tablets, smart watches etc.) should be placed inside player's bag prior to practice starting. It is at the head coach's discretion if they will allow the use of electronic devices during any breaks. The Board of Directors and coaches are not responsible for any damage to any device.
6. NO FOOTBALL PLAYER WILL PARTICIPATE IN TACKLING OR PHYSICAL CONTACT DRILLS WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR HEAD COACH OR HIS/HER STAFF.

Practices & Game Rules

Violating any of these rules at practice or games is punishable at the head coach's discretion or Board of Directors if necessary and could result in suspension from a game or multiple games. If a parent or player disagrees or has any complaints, this should be discussed with the head coach first. If a resolution cannot be reached, then the matter should be taken up with the Football Trustee. The Football Trustee will then make the final decision on the matter. If a resolution is unable to be reached by the Football Trustee, the matter will be submitted to the disciplinary committee for final review and resolution. At no time will a public discussion of a problem be conducted. Concerns

and problems are to be discussed in private with the head coach and/or Football Trustee, not in the presence of uninvolved parties and NEVER in the presence of any child.

1. No gum or candy
2. Do not be late unless prior notification is given to the coach.
3. No leaving games or practices early without prior approval from the coach.
4. Do not be late to designated practices prior to games (coaches will communicate arrival time on Thursday at practice or through group notification such as text or app).
5. Do not be absent from practices or games. If you have 3 or more absences from games, you will be ineligible for post season games.
6. Do not be a disruption to practices or games. This includes talking back to the coach and/or directors and horsing around etc. Doing so will result in a suspension for the first half of the next game that the player is present.
7. Do not have a poor attitude or be uncooperative. This includes ignoring coaches/directors, not giving a full effort, rolling eyes, walking away from practice etc.
8. Do not be disrespectful of coaches, team parents, trainers, or fellow players. This includes name calling, making fun of others, Bullying etc.
9. No throwing of helmet or any other equipment. Doing so will result in the player forfeiting the equipment for the time remaining in the game. In addition, the player will be suspended for the full first half of the next game that the player is present.
10. No profanity, abusive language or obscene/inappropriate gestures at any East Bay Buccaneers or Tri County event.
11. No gang related paraphernalia will be tolerated.
12. No fraternizing with other athletes during practice or when in uniform. Doing so will result in the suspension of the first half of the next game that the player is present.
13. We will not tolerate any poor sportsmanship towards any other organization, before, during or after the game. Doing so will result in suspension for the first half of the next game that the player is present.
14. Any player caught using any illegal substances, tobacco, vape products or alcoholic beverages at any Tri Country or East Bay Buccaneers activity shall be suspended for the next game that the player is present.
15. We will not tolerate any inappropriate physical confrontations (fighting) KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF. Any violation of this will result in a minimum one game day suspension. Further suspensions may be added as deemed necessary by the Disciplinary Committee.
16. Leaving the bench area to participate in a fight during a game, will result in at least a two full game suspension for the next two full games that a player is present. In addition, there will be disciplinary actions taken by TCYFCC and actions will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee.

Any player in the East Bay Buccaneers organization which continues to violate the football rules as stated in this document is subject to a review by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee's review could result in disciplinary action from a verbal reprimand to the dismissal of the athlete and/or family from the East Bay Buccaneers organization with no refund.

Player Name _____ Team _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____