

## Seymour Pop Warner Code of Conduct

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches at Seymour Pop Warner Football and Cheer Youth Sports. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows Seymour Pop Warner Youth Sports to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully before registering for each season. ***Each participant and coach is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct before the season begins, and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season.***

**Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action including suspension - either temporarily or permanently as determined by the Board of Directors.**

As an Athlete/Cheerleader/Parent/Coach, I understand it is my responsibility and obligation to adhere to the following rules and expectations:

I will be a good sport to players, coaches, officials, opponents, and parents at every game and practice, no matter win or lose.

I will learn the value of commitment by participating in as many practices and games as I can.

I will encourage my teammates and praise good efforts.

I will be honest, fair, and respectful to others at all times.

I will aim to learn all I can from sports.

I will arrive at practice on time and be ready to dedicate my attention to my coaches.

I will place academic achievement as high priority

I will refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offense language and gestures before, during and after a game or competition

I will respect all equipment, uniforms and use it safely and appropriately

I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.

I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.

I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use any profanity.

I will not yell advice to my child during a game.

I will model good sportsmanship for all youth participants.

I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event—in public, private, in-person, or online.

I will not post on social media or any public forum criticizing teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers or spectators.

I will do my part to keep sports fun and positive for every youth participant.

I will not attend any indoor cheer practices unless I have had the proper background check completed *and* be listed on the official team roster (Cheerleading Only)

I will respect the decisions my child's coaches make for their position in the sport throughout the season.

I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs is strictly prohibited at all games and practices.

Know and follow all stated and applicable athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation

**Coach Specific:**

I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning games is secondary to building a positive youth sports experience for my players, parents of my players, and opposing teams.

I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will follow all safety protocols of the league.

I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a respectful tone.

I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event-in public, private, in person, or online.

I will treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect and represent my community in a positive manner.

I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs is strictly prohibited at all games and practices.

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By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the Seymour Pop Warner Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the above statements as well as rules and regulations set forth by the Seymour Pop Warner Executive Board.

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Parent Signature Date

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Athletes Signature Date

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Coaches Signature Date

