

2025 Pine Bush Youth Football & Cheerleading

Player Code of Conduct - _____

1. I will play football and/or cheer because I want to, not because others want me to.
2. I will remember that football/cheer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
4. I will remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends, and giving my best efforts are the most important aspects of youth football.
5. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all football games.
6. I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses, the same as I do.
7. I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
8. I will be open and honest with my coach and parents of any injury.
9. I will follow coaching direction and will not be disruptive during practice or games, nor will I "mouth off" or use bad language.
10. If I have a problem with something, I will discuss it with my coach at the earliest opportunity, rather than let it grow into a bigger problem later on.
11. I will be on time for practices and games and will notify my coach if I cannot attend. I will make every effort to attend all games and practices.
12. I will concentrate on playing football or cheering by always giving my best effort, both in practice and in games.
13. I will respect my opponents, whether they have more or less ability than me and regardless of whether I win or lose.
14. I will be modest and respectful when I win, and gracious when I lose.
15. I will show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I may sometimes disagree with his or her calls.
16. I will control my temper, resist the temptation to retaliate, and exercise self control.
17. I will play by the rules at all times, and if I don't understand the rules, will attempt to learn them so I can become a better player.
18. I will conduct myself with honour and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated. I know that at all times; I represent Pine Bush Youth Football & Cheer, my team and my town.
19. I will respect, protect, and maintain my equipment.
20. I will return all equipment at the end of the season or immediately upon dismissal from the team. Failure to do so will result in paying for the cost of new equipment.

Behavior:

- A. We have a "3 Strikes & You're Out" policy for misbehavior detrimental to our Football program.
- B. Bad behavior consists of, but not limited to:
 - Talking back to PBYFL Coaches or game officials
 - Direct Defiance (Not doing what you are told to do)
 - Behavior that disrupts or affects teammates at practice or games.
- C. *Strike 1: Punishment will be issued at practice or the next practice & parents will be notified.*
- D. *Strike 2: Athlete will not be allowed to practice for one week and one game suspension.*
- E. *Strike 3: You will be asked to turn in your equipment and your season will be over.*

Fighting:

- A. No fighting will be tolerated.
- B. First Offense: 1 Game Suspension
- C. Second Offense: Season is over.

No individual will be allowed to participate or attend practices/games until the athlete agrees to the above guidelines.

I have read the code of conduct and fully understand my responsibilities toward the Pine Bush Youth Football & Cheerleading Program. I do hereby agree to abide by the Players Code of Conduct as well as to the discretionary authority given all authorized coaches in the program. Failure to follow the code or coaches instruction will be deemed grounds for disciplinary actions and or dismissal from the team.

Player's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date