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MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT
(Taken from 2007 Pop Warner Rule Book)

All volunteers, football and spirit participants will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Members shall:

1. Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
2. Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
3. Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
4. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
5. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
6. Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. Emphasize that winning is the result of good "teamwork."
8. Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
9. Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
10. Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
11. Not "pile it on;" not encourage their team to get a commanding raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.
12. Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
13. Not permit or encourage "sweating down" tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.
14. Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant's physician.
15. Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
16. Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
17. Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
18. Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
19. Control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you're responsible for your team, and fan reaction will usually be in step with your reaction.
20. Uphold all rules and regulations, National, Regional & Local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.
21. **Refrain from engaging in any action which reflects negatively, or causes embarrassment to the PW program.**