



## EMB Parents' and Guardians' Code of Conduct

In an effort to maintain the integrity of this program the following are to be observed and obeyed by all. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (officials and coaches), players, cheerleaders and other spectators. We will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, game officials, players or cheerleaders from any parent, player or spectator. Parents and spectators, just as players, cheerleaders and coaches, are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct described here at all Bulldog events. This is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program and to emphasize the values of the Bulldogs – a member of Pop Warner Football, Cheer and Dance. **As a parent or guardian of a participant in the Bulldogs football or cheer and dance program, you must agree to all of the following:**

1. **I will honor the game and this league by exhibiting good sportsmanship and behavior at all times.** Good sportsmanship includes but is not limited to “cheering for my child’s team,” “supporting the referees, my child’s teammates, and his or her opponents positively not negatively,” “supporting the decisions of my child’s coaching staff,” and “being a positive influence and positive representative of the league.”
2. **I will not coach my child during practices or games.** I will let players play or cheer and coaches coach. In case of concerns, Pop Warner has a strict “24 hour rule.” **I will wait 24 hours before I contact my child’s coach about an issue unless it’s an injury, administrative or common sense issue.**
3. I will emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, emphasizing effort at all times, not only wins and losses. I will NOT criticize other players, cheerleaders, coaches, referees, or league officials. **Remember this: we don’t criticize how parents parent, so please don’t criticize league and team actions.**
4. I agree to abstain from the **possession or use of alcohol and/or the possession or use of illegal substances** during any league function or around team meetings, practices and games.
5. I will be responsible for and take care of any **financial responsibility** attributed to me by the league.
6. I will **take good care of any equipment** assigned to my child during the football season and return it at the end of the season in acceptable condition. I will contact the league about any broken equipment.
7. **I will stay out of the football or cheer areas during practices and games,** and I will refrain from getting near team meetings, coaches’ meetings, league meetings unless invited by a coach or league official. **FYD and Pop Warner – the bodies that govern our Bulldogs league – do not allow anyone to coach or be involved with practices or be present on the sidelines during games unless he or she has been administered a badge.** Areas are roped off during games, and I will stay behind those ropes at all times.

### Consequences of Behavior

- At any Pop Warner or Bulldog event, practice or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control his/her language or actions with a player, cheerleader, official, coach, spectator, will be asked to leave the event by a Bulldog Board member. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.
- Any adult that conducts himself or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this Code of Conduct may be banned from Pop Warner or Bulldog events for the remainder of the season and any future season.
- Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, Bulldog Board member, player, cheerleader or another spectator will be banned from Pop Warner or the Bulldogs. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatement. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.