



FOOTBALL IN TRAINING

FIT Code of Conduct

Football In Training Code of Conduct Policy

The League's Mission is to teach the fundamentals of football, to teach sportsmanship, and to build the players' self-esteem and character through team accomplishments in a safe, fun, and competitive environment.

For F.I.T. Players

- Demonstrate courtesy and respect to coaches, teammates and opponents
- Put team goals and accomplishments ahead of individual achievement
- Make a commitment to yourself and your teammates
- Do not talk back to coaches, parents, officials or board members
- Players will not engage in behavior that is deemed dangerous or inappropriate to others
- Recognize that all team members are an important element to the greater good. No single player is bigger than the team.
- Cheer for teammates and understand the spirit of the league is to promote fundamentals of tackle football; not winning at all costs.
- Be a good sport, be honest and fair with your teammates and your opponents.

For F.I.T. Parents

Unfortunately, parents are often the culprits for much of the inappropriate behavior at youth sporting events. All coaches and board members are volunteers; they donate countless time and money for the betterment of the F.I.T. league and are not paid or compensated in anyway. Some officials/referee's are paid a nominal fee to officiate the contest.

Please understand that this football league has been put together for the kids to learn about the game and have fun with their friends. Coaches, players, and officials are not professionals, so mistakes and human error should be anticipated in advance. If you are dissatisfied with any function of the F.I.T. league, you are encouraged to provide your feedback to a board member, as well as to submit a volunteer form for the following season.

- Keep comments positive and uplifting, players are in 3rd and 4th grade
- Treat coaches, board members, officials and opponents with respect
- Do not shout at or harass officials or coaches
- Do not use inappropriate language or make inappropriate gestures
- Understand that your children and their friends are learning from your actions too
- Support the coaches, players and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship and fair play.
- Do not coach from the stands, as this makes the job of the coaches more difficult
- Accept that calls are made to the best of the ability of the official

- Speak to your coach privately if you have a concern. Speaking poorly about your coach in front of your child only teaches them to disrespect and disregard their coach
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from any future games and league sponsored activities.

For F.I.T. Coaches

Coaches should teach sportsmanship and respect of the games. Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of all players, members of the coaching staff and spectators. Improper conduct from any of the aforementioned may result in penalties, suspension or expulsion of the coach or coaching staff member.

Coaches and members of a F.I.T. coaching staff are to serve as positive examples to all players. Actions contrary to the spirit and purpose of the league will not and cannot be tolerated. Please understand that youth athletes will mimic your positive and negative actions, thus it is extremely important to always conduct yourself in an appropriate, adult like manner.

- Instruct players in a positive manner
- Keep comments positive and uplifting, players are in 3rd and 4th grade
- Treat officials, players, parents and opponents with respect
- Do not shout at or harass officials or parents
- Do not use inappropriate language or make inappropriate gestures
- Accept that calls are made to the best of the ability of the official
- Allow all players to actively participate in practice and games
- Do not put lesser developed players in an unsafe situation
- Do not “run up” the score or act in an unsportsmanlike manner
- Do not put winning ahead of learning, fun, and sportsmanship
- Understand the league is about the kids; not about you or your coaching record
- Put players in situations that will allow them to be successful and enjoy the game
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the sidelines. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from any future games and league sponsored activities.