



SOUTH FLORIDA FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE **MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct outlines the basic expectations of behavior as a participant of The South Florida Flag Football League, Inc. ("League") to ensure our activities remain safe and enjoyable to all participants.

The undersigned hereby agrees that:

1. Conduct should at all times be supportive of the mission statement of the League.
2. All members shall treat fellow players, referees, teams, spectators, guests, and the community in a positive, sportsmanlike, and respectful manner.
3. No player shall strike, shove, or use any unnecessarily rough tactics towards a player, referee, or spectator.
4. During league sponsored events, which include but are not limited to: games, practices, social events, fundraisers, etc., no member shall engage in objectionable demonstration of dissent, unsportsmanlike conduct, taunting or other disrespectful behavior.
5. No player shall question or dispute the decision of a referee unless acting in a respectful manner as the Captain of the team in question.
6. No player or official shall participate in playing or officiating football in any condition that would be a danger to him or herself, or to any other player, official, and/or bystander. This provision includes but is not limited to physical and/or mental impairment of any kind. A violation of this paragraph may lead to immediate expulsion from competition.
7. Enforcement of the Code of Conduct will be handled by the referees at each field and the South Florida Flag Football League Board of Directors.

HIGHLIGHTED UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

The SFFFL Board wants to reiterate the league policy on Personal Fouls (Unsportsmanlike Conduct) for the upcoming season to ensure the league remains a fun, and safe environment. Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Personal Fouls) will draw a 10-yard penalty. They include:

- A member that constructs illegal equipment that includes tying flag belts, not having the belt of your flags exposed, using foreign substances or any other intentional matter of altering equipment to gain an unfair advantage.
- Abusive or taunting language made in the face of a player, referee, sponsor, athletic supporter or league official.
- The excessive use of profanity by a member on the field is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (Use of profanity in the heat of action, on the field, that is not directed at an individual is allowed.)
- Unnecessary roughness by a member from a non-football related move or overly physical conduct following a down
 - Spiking the ball at another player or official
 - Intentionally throwing or kicking the ball from the field of play to delay the game
- Poor sportsmanship that includes quitting during a game, walking out on your team, or failing to follow respectful instruction from team leaders.
- Poor leadership that includes abusing positions of power bestowed upon team captains, quarterbacks, board members, or league sponsors towards players on their team, other teams or our athletic supporters.
- Any other conduct deemed unsportsmanlike, dangerous or unbecoming as determined by the head referee of a given game, or a member of the SFFFL Board of Directors.

PERSONAL FOUL INFRACTIONS

- For the first infraction, the referees will call a captains' meeting at midfield and discuss with both captains the behavior that needs to be addressed.
- Any two (2) personal fouls in one (1) game will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of that game and the following game.
- Acquiring (5) personal fouls in a season by a member will automatically result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season and will result in further review by the Board of Directors.
- Captains and Quarterbacks are responsible for the actions of their team. Three (3) personal fouls amongst a team in any one game may result in an automatic forfeit of that particular game.

- Physical fighting will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season and will result in further review by the Board of Directors.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT

League members shall not engage in harassment in any form, including verbal, physical or visual harassment, or other unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual. Such conduct may result in a violation of this policy whether it occurs in person, over the telephone, or via other forms of communication including but not limited to hand-written or typed notes, letters, or cards; internal messaging sites like LeagueApps Play; email, voicemail, or text message; and/or postings on social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit, TikTok, Twitter, WeChat, Discord, or WhatsApp.

INCIDENT REPORT GROUNDS

Members that commit actions that go against the SFFFL Mission Statement and/or Code of Conduct may be subject to the completion of an incident report procedure. Any league member, official, board member, sponsor, spectator, or guest may submit an incident report for the SFFFL Board of Directors to review. Some grounds/actions that may lead to a member submitting an incident report include, but are not limited to:

1. Teasing;
2. Threat;
3. Intimidation;
4. Intentional Manipulation to Negatively Impact Competitive Balance;
5. Walking Off/Quitting (at any point before, during, or after a season);
6. Stalking;
7. Verbal or Physical violence;
8. Theft;
9. Sexual, religious, or racial harassment;
10. Public or private humiliation; or
11. Destruction of Property

Any member who submits an incident report will have their identity remain confidential by the SFFFL Board of Directors.

Retaliation against any member who submits an incident report will not be tolerated and will lead to further disciplinary action.

[THE REST OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]