

Bees Youth Football

Spectator Code of Conduct

Our Commitment

Bees Youth Football is committed to providing a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and families.

Youth football is about teaching the game, developing character, building friendships, and giving young athletes an opportunity to have fun. The behavior of adults should reflect those goals.

By attending a Bees Youth Football event, spectators agree to follow this Code of Conduct.

Spectators Are Expected To:

- **Support all players.** Cheer for your child and their team while showing respect for every player on the field.
- **Respect the officials.** Officials are responsible for managing the game. Spectators should not argue with, criticize, or attempt to influence officials' decisions.
- **Respect coaches and volunteers.** Coaches and volunteers are giving their time to support the players. Questions or concerns should be addressed appropriately and away from the field of play.
 - **24-Hour Cooling-Off Period:** To ensure constructive communication, spectators must observe a mandatory 24-hour waiting period following a game before contacting coaches or board members regarding game-related concerns.
- **Be positive.** Encourage players rather than criticizing mistakes, performance, or playing time.
- **Let the coaches coach.** Spectators should not give players instructions from the sideline or attempt to coach during games.

- **Respect opposing teams and their families.** We compete against other organizations, but we are all part of the youth football community.
- **Use appropriate language and behavior.** Profanity, insults, threats, gestures, taunting, or other inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.
- **Remain in designated spectator areas.** Spectators may not enter the playing field, team areas, or other restricted areas unless authorized by a coach, official, or an official league representative.
- **Keep physical and verbal interactions under control.** Arguments or confrontations with coaches, officials, players, or other spectators are unacceptable.
- **Set a good example.** Remember that our players are watching and learning how adults handle competition, disagreement, and adversity.

Verbal Altercations

Spectators may not approach, confront, threaten, or engage in an argument with:

- Game officials
- Coaches
- Players
- Any Spectators
- Bees Youth Football volunteers or administrators

If you have a concern about something that occurs during a game, please allow the situation to be addressed through the appropriate Bees Youth Football process rather than confronting someone. To submit a formal concern or report a safety/conduct violation, please contact the Bees Youth Football Board of Directors at beesyouthfootball@yahoo.com.

Threatening or Abusive Behavior

Bees Youth Football will not tolerate:

- Threatening or intimidating behavior
- Fighting or physical altercations
- Verbal abuse or harassment
- Profanity directed at players, coaches, officials, or spectators

- Entering the field to confront a player, coach, or official
- Attempts to intimidate or influence officials
- Behavior that creates an unsafe environment for children or other participants

Consequences & Enforcement

Bees Youth Football reserves the right to address violations of this Code of Conduct in whatever manner is appropriate to the circumstances. Game officials, Board Members, and field marshals reserve explicit authority to require the immediate removal of any individual from the facility if conduct warrants it.

Consequences may include:

- A verbal or written warning
- Removal from the facility or game
- Suspension from attending Bees Youth Football events
- Probation
- Additional disciplinary action when warranted

Serious incidents may result in immediate removal and/or suspension without a prior warning.

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that family members and guests attending games with them understand and follow this Code of Conduct.

Remember Who This Is For

Our players are kids. They are learning how to compete, how to handle mistakes, how to win, how to lose, and how to treat others. They should never have to look into the stands and see adults arguing, fighting, criticizing officials, or embarrassing their team.

Be the example our players deserve.

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