



SEAHAWKS YOUTH FOOTBALL

PARENT | ATHLETE

CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

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PURPOSE

Seahawks Youth Football (SYF), under the Seahawks Sports Association (SSA), is committed to providing a **safe, structured, and positive football experience** for all athletes.

This Code of Conduct establishes expectations for **players and parents/guardians** and aligns with the governing standards of the West Sound Youth Football League (WSYFL), including all league rules, eligibility requirements, and conduct policies.

SECTION 1 | LEAGUE ALIGNMENT AND COMPLIANCE

All athletes and parents agree to:

- Follow all rules set forth by the West Sound Youth Football League (WSYFL)
- Adhere to league eligibility, safety, and conduct standards
- Respect that WSYFL rules take precedence in league play and administration

SECTION 2 | ATHLETE CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Athletes are expected to:

- Demonstrate **respect** toward coaches, teammates, officials, and opponents
- Show **effort, discipline, and accountability** at all times
- Follow coaching instruction and team rules
- Maintain appropriate sideline and game behavior
- Represent Seahawks Youth Football positively in the community

Prohibited behaviors include:

- Fighting, bullying, or harassment
- Disrespect toward officials or coaches
- Use of profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct

SECTION 3 | PARENT / GUARDIAN CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Parents and guardians agree to:

- Promote a **positive and supportive environment**
- Respect coaches, officials, and opposing teams
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines
- Avoid confrontational or disruptive behavior during practices or games
- Address concerns through appropriate channels (see Section 6)

Any violation may result in removal from the event or further disciplinary action.

SECTION 4 | PLAYING TIME (WSYFL RULE COMPLIANCE)

In accordance with WSYFL by-laws:

- All eligible players in attendance, properly equipped, and physically able to participate are **required to play a minimum number of plays per game** (as defined by WSYFL rules)
- Coaches will ensure compliance with this rule

Parents and athletes acknowledge that:

- Playing time beyond league minimums is **not guaranteed**
- Playing time may vary based on attendance, effort, readiness, and team needs

SECTION 5 | PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

Athletes are expected to:

- Attend all scheduled practices and games to the best of their ability
- Arrive on time and prepared with proper safety equipment
- BRING WATER TO EVERY PRACTICE AND GAME

Parents agree to:

- Communicate absences in advance when possible

Failure to attend practices may impact:

- Playing time beyond league minimum requirements
- Player readiness and position assignment

Consistent absences may result in reduced participation. Athletes need to be consistently on field and at practice to learn essential safety skills for themselves and other players.

SECTION 6 | COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SYF follows a structured communication process:

1. Player → Coach communication encouraged when appropriate
2. Parent → Head Coach discussion (scheduled, not during games)
3. Escalation to SYF President
4. Escalation to SSA leadership

Parents agree to:

- Avoid addressing concerns during games or immediately after emotional situations. By rule, we require 24 hours to pass after an emotional situation before approaching a coach. This allows for parties to properly cool down before a solution is found. If a parent coach meeting is required to resolve a conflict, it must be scheduled with two coaches present.
- Communicate respectfully and constructively

SECTION 7 | INJURY REPORTING AND RETURN-TO-PLAY

Safety is a top priority.

Parents and athletes agree that:

- All injuries must be **reported immediately to coaching staff**
- Athletes showing signs of concussion or serious injury will be **removed from play**
- Return to participation requires **medical clearance when appropriate**

SYF follows WSYFL and USA Football safety guidelines for injury management. Please email the president to report serious practice or game injuries at ADMIN@SeahawksYouthFootball.org as soon as possible. If medical clearance is required you may email such clearance to this email address as well.

SECTION 8 | EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Each athlete is responsible for:

- Proper care and maintenance of issued equipment
- Returning equipment in good condition at the end of the season

Parents/guardians agree:

- To assume financial responsibility for equipment that is lost, stolen, or damaged due to **negligence or misuse**

Important:

Damage occurring during normal football activities, including games and practices, **does NOT constitute negligence** and will not result in financial penalty.

SECTION 9 | DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Suspension from practice or games
- Removal from team activities
- Review by SYF / SSA leadership

SECTION 10 | MEDIA RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I grant permission to Seahawks Sports Association to:

- Photograph and video record my child during practices, games, and events
- Use images, video, and likeness for:
 - Website and social media

- Promotional and marketing materials
- Fundraising and sponsorship campaigns
- Program highlights and community outreach

I understand:

- No compensation will be provided
- Media may be used indefinitely unless revoked in writing
- Seahawks Sports Association and their teams will use media respectfully and appropriately

SECTION 11 | DRONE & GAME FILM CONSENT

I acknowledge that SSA may use:

- Drone footage
- Sideline filming
- Game film for coaching, training, and promotional use

I grant permission for:

- Recording of athletes and participants during events
- Use of footage for development including but not limited to: marketing and program promotion

SSA agrees to:

- Operate drones safely and responsibly
- Avoid inappropriate or misleading use of footage
- Respect athlete privacy and dignity

SECTION 12 | RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I release Seahawks Sports Association (to include Seahawks Youth Football and Cheer), its coaches, volunteers, and affiliates from any claims related to:

- Use of media for promotion and ads
- Participation in football activities
- Standard program operations

SECTION 13 | AGREEMENT

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Seahawks Youth Football Athlete & Parent Code of Conduct and all WSYFL rules.

Athlete Information

Athlete Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Information

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WEST SOUND YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PARENT PLEDGE

PARENT NAME: _____

YEAR: _____

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION: Seahawks Sports Association Youth Football

FOOTBALL TEAM: _____

WSYFL AGREEMENT

(Found Here: <https://www.wsyfl.org/wsyfl-by-laws-rules>)

By my signature below, I pledge to:

1. Abide by the by-laws, general rules, and playing rules of the **West Sound Youth Football League (WSYFL)**.
2. Conduct myself in a mature and sportsmanlike manner to promote the objectives of youth football, including good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect, and community.
3. Refrain from the use of profanity or any behavior that could negatively influence youth athletes.

Furthermore, recognizing that the safety and well-being of players is of the highest importance, I pledge to:

4. Make every effort to learn and implement proper training techniques to minimize the chance of injury through conditioning, instruction, and supervision.
5. Understand that if charged with violation of this pledge, I may be required to appear before the WSYFL League Board to address the matter.

ZERO-TOLERANCE DISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL

No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated at any time by anyone associated with WSYFL. All players, coaches, parents, and spectators are required to conduct themselves appropriately to promote a safe and rewarding experience.

Officials will assess ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct whenever any individual:

- Excessively disputes or argues decisions by officials
- Uses obscene or vulgar language
- Engages in misconduct before, during, or after a game

Any individual ejected from a game:

- Is suspended for the remainder of that game
- Will also be suspended for the next scheduled game

A second ejection results in:

- Suspension for the next three games

A third ejection results in:

- Suspension for the remainder of the season
- Mandatory review by the WSYFL League Board

There shall be no exceptions to these rules.

I acknowledge that WSYFL has the authority to restrict or remove me as a participant or spectator.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____