

Poway Pop Warner Coaches' / Volunteer Code of Conduct

As a volunteer in Poway Pop Warner I understand that there are certain rules and standards that I must follow at all times. I understand my failure to abide by these rules and standards may result in suspension or dismissal from Pop Warner.

1. I will refrain from smoking or use of smokeless tobacco on the field.
2. I will not criticize players or cheer participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of the team if others may benefit.
3. I will accept decisions of referees and judges as being fair and called to their best ability.
4. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, cheer participants, coaches or fans.
5. I will emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students.
6. I will strive to make football or cheer serve as a training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. I will stress that winning is the result of teamwork.
8. I will not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions.
9. I will be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any spectator who becomes out of control will be asked to leave.
10. I will not use or tolerate abusive or profane language at any time.
11. I will not encourage my team to "pile it on" or raise the score as high as it can.
12. I will not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football.
13. I will not permit or encourage sweating down tactics in order for a player to make team weight.
14. I will not distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the participant's physician.
15. I will not permit an ineligible player or cheer participant to participate in a game.
16. I will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
17. I will not tolerate the use or possession of alcohol or any type of illegal substance on both the game or practice fields. Additionally, I will not tolerate anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances around participants.
18. I will remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his or her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
19. I will control my team's fans and further understand that fan reaction will usually be in step with my reaction.
20. I will uphold all rules and regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football and Cheer.
21. I will accept the decisions of the Poway Pop Warner (PPW) Board and be their spokesperson to my team and parents.
22. I will notify the PPW Board of any potential coach/participant or coach/participant altercations which could be harmful to the League.
23. I recognize that my main duties are coaching and not administrative, but I will ensure that parents are aware of messages from the PPW Board and that all appropriate paperwork has been received.
24. I have reviewed and understand all the rules and regulations for PPW.

Signature below indicates understanding of all rules, policies and procedure.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Division and Team: _____