

Poway Pop Warner Coach/Volunteer Code of Conduct

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. I will abide by the following rules along with all rules set forth in the Poway Pop Warner Policies & Procedures and Bylaws.

1. I will uphold all National and Local rules and regulations regarding Pop Warner Football and Cheer.
2. I will accept the decisions of the Poway Pop Warner (PPW) Board and be their spokesperson to my team and parents.
3. I will not partake in the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, drug (legal or illegal) or any other illicit substances at any Poway Pop Warner sanctioned event. Further, I will not tolerate anyone under the influence of drugs, alcohol or illegal substances around participants.
4. I will not criticize or belittle 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.
5. I will not verbally or physically assault a participant (player or cheerleader), spectator, official, coach or PPW board member.
6. I will accept decisions of referees and judges as being fair and called to their best ability.
7. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, cheer participants, coaches, or fans.
8. I will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
9. I will stress that winning is the result of teamwork.
10. I will emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students.
11. I will strive to make football or cheer serve as a training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health.
12. I will not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions.
13. I will be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Further, I will control my team's fans and understand that fan reaction will usually be in step with my reaction. Any spectator who becomes out of control will be asked to leave.
14. I will not use or tolerate abusive or profane language at any time.
15. I will not encourage my team to "pile it on" or raise the score as high as it can.
16. I will not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football.
17. I will not distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the participant's physician.
18. I will not permit an ineligible player or cheer participant to participate in a game.
19. 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.

20. I will notify the PPW Board of any potential coach/participant or coach/participant altercations that could be harmful to the League.

21. 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.

22. I understand that fundraising is a big part of the organization and I will promote and work with PPW to meet the yearly set goals.

23. I agree to refrain from posting/chatting/instant messaging on any social media forum/platform with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, humiliate or defame any player, coach, official, volunteer, or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. I also agree not to participate in bad mouthing or defaming PPW members, volunteers, other teams and/or leagues in any social media forum/platform.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Division and Team: _____