

## ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT



The objective of Orange County Junior All American Football (herein known as OCJAAF) is to inspire youth, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin, to practice the ideals of health, citizenship, and character; to bring our youth closer together through the means of a common interest in sportsmanship, fair play, and fellowship; to impart to the game elements of safety, sanity and intelligent supervision; and to keep the welfare of the player first, foremost and entirely free of adult lust for glory. (Orange County Junior All American Football Official Rules, Article 1, Statement of Principles.)

In order to keep the program free of adult lust for glory and other adult conduct which is detrimental to the ideals of youth sports, parents and guardians of football players and cheerleaders as well as all adults connected with or who participate in the OCJAAF Football or Cheerleader Program must adhere to the following standards of conduct as it pertains to any interaction with coaches, football players, cheerleaders, OCJAAF and the Chapters within OCJAAF Board members staff, and other parents involved in the program:

1. Do not argue with or criticize the football players, cheerleaders, coaches, or OCJAAF officials in front of spectators by word of mouth or gesture, but reserve constructive criticism for private meetings with the person who is the object of the constructive criticism.
2. Do not argue with or criticize the game officials, the opposing Chapter, the opposing team, the opposing coaches or fans, by word of mouth or gesture.
3. Do not use abusive or profane language before any person connected with the football or cheerleading program during any football or cheerleading activities.
4. Do not physically or verbally abuse anyone in the OCJAAF program.
5. Do not incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
6. Do not seek to undermine the authority of OCJAAF, and any Chapter officials through word of mouth or deed.
7. Do accept decisions of OCJAAF staff, and any Chapter staff as being fair and made to the best of OCJAAF and the Chapters ability given their volunteer status.
8. Do set an example by your personal conduct at all times in front of all persons connected with the OCJAAF football or cheerleading program.
9. Do remember that winning at all costs is not a message we wish to impart to our youth. Instead, we want them to have fun, to play safe, and to encourage sportsmanship.
10. **By not signing this Adult Code of Conduct contract you have elected not to participate with your child/children in the OCJAAF program.**

The violation of any portion of these rules relating to the Adult Code of Conduct will subject the violating individual to any one or all of the following penalties:

**PENALTIES**

1. Disqualification from OCJAAF or Chapter or taking part in any aspect of OCJAAF or Chapters Football and/or cheerleading. The disqualification can be for a game, games, season, post-season, or ineligibility for any future period of time.
2. The participating player or cheerleader who is related to the adult in violation of rule or rules contained in the Adult Code of Conduct may be suspended from the team for any number of game or games; may be placed on probation; or may be disbarred from further participation in OCJAAF or Chapter.

**HEARINGS**

If a complaint is registered with the Chapter President regarding an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct, it will be investigated initially by the Chapter President. If the Chapter President, in his or her sole discretion, determines that there is some minimum amount of evidence that the Adult Code of Conduct has been violated, the offending adult will receive written notice of the alleged violation and will be invited to attend a regular or specially called meeting of the Chapters Board of Directors upon not less than 48 hours telephonic notice. At the meeting, the allegations against the offending individual will be presented and the offending individual will thereafter have the opportunity to present evidence to the contrary or to refute the allegations. No hearing shall be conducted for a period of time in excess of one (1) hour. At the conclusion of the hearing, all individuals with the exception of the Board Directors of the Chapter will be excused from the room. Thereafter, the Directors of the Chapter will consider the matter in Executive Session and will render a written decision within ten (10) days. The written decision will specify the date upon which any disqualification, suspension, probation, or disbarment will take place, as well as the end date of the penalty, if any.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Player/Cheerleader Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Team/Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Mothers Name/Guardians Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Mother/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Name/Guardians Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Father/Guardian