

Plains Yankees Youth Organization Code of Conduct

The Plains Yankees Youth Organization strives to provide an educational and positive sportsmanship environment for our players, cheerleaders, and parents. Our program is bigger than any one player, cheerleader, coach, or spectator - and as a Plains Yankee participant we require that you abide by the Organizational Code of Conduct set forth below.

1.) **ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying of any kind; verbal or physical, on or off the field, this includes social media posting and/or commenting.** The Board will immediately investigate any accusation of bullying and will immediately enforce a minimum of a **ONE** game suspension, up to and including expulsion from the Organization.

2.) Use positive reinforcement and encouragement for members of all teams and squads. By keeping all comments positive, we're reinforcing quality playing and great sportsmanship.

- Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated, and may result in ejection, suspension, or permanent ban from organization activities.

3.) ONLY players, cheerleaders, coaches, i.e. authorized "badged" personnel, are allowed on the practice and game field. NO exceptions. If your cheer or football coach requests a team parent on the game field, that will be on a case by case basis only.

- Criticizing or harassing the officials, coaches, opponents, or fans will not be tolerated. This is youth sports - everyone makes mistakes.

***** Badged = state and league clearances met and are on file with organization and league.*****

4.) Creating and circulating unnecessary drama, stirring controversy or gossip are grounds for sanctions by the Organization and/or League Board, which may result in dismissal from the program.

5.) You are responsible for all family members and friends attending games or competitions to watch your child/children.

6.) It is the Parent/Guardian responsibility to immediately report an In-School Restriction or Out-of-School Suspension situation to the respective team or squad Head Coach.

- In-School Restriction may result in a **ONE** game suspension of your child.
Out-of-School Suspension may result in a minimum of **ONE** game suspension of your child.

*****All incidents will be reviewed by the board*****

7.) Coaches shall immediately report any player/cheerleader school related disciplinary action to the Board of Directors.

- ****In-School Restriction** will result in a **ONE** game suspension of your child. Out-of-School Suspension will result in a minimum of **ONE** game suspension of your child.
- Failure to report such an event in a timely fashion may result in additional suspension of the player and/or coach.

8.) Ensure that organization issued equipment is kept in good condition and returned promptly after the last event of the season, by the specified date to be determined.

9.) Parents/Organization shall never falsify the participant's age in order that they may be assigned to a certain team or squad.

10.) Parents shall not pressure or harass the coaching staff regarding playing time for their child. Such concerns must be addressed directly, and in person, with the respective Head Coach.

- *****Should an unsatisfactory response occur, concerns should be brought directly and in person to the Football or Cheer Representatives*****

*****Note: No other discussions with other unqualified persons will be considered or tolerated.*****

11.) Parents, players, cheerleaders, and coaches will respect all coaches, referees, judges, and opponent players at all times and will have sportsmanship as their number one priority in all games and practices.

12.) Players and Cheerleaders should attend all scheduled practices and games, and if unable to do so should contact their Coach or Team Mom in advance.

- Absences, excused or unexcused, may impact playing time and/or participation, and in extreme cases may result in suspension from play/participation.
- (Mandatory practices are **REQUIRED**. There are no excused absences.). Participant will not be eligible to participate in the event that the mandatory practice was set forth.
- Plains Yankees Youth Organization coaches, board, and other volunteers invest a substantial amount of personal time to provide the best possible experience for the student athlete. It is expected that parents, players, and cheerleaders will make every effort possible to attend all of their team's practices, games, and events.

13.) Any Coach, Player, Cheerleader, Parent, or Guest who is ejected from a game is automatically suspended from the next game their team or squad participates. This rule is **NOT** subject to protest. A second offense by the same individual will result in suspension from all future Plains Yankee activity. Any and all violations will be reviewed by the Board;

