

Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

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Central Jersey Flag (CJF) has implemented the following Parent, and Spectator Code of Conduct. Positive sportsmanship is of the utmost importance to CJF and NFL FLAG and is expected from everyone, be they player or coach on the field or a parent on the sidelines. Parents and spectators are a huge part of the game day experience for our athletes, not only because they bring the athletes to the events but because of the positive atmosphere their cheering and praise can create.

Any behavior from a spectator or parent that takes away from the positive experience for the players and in its way creates a negative experience is not permitted. Parents, just like coaches, need to recognize the importance of their position as role models and honor our Parent's Code of Conduct.

Parent's Code of Conduct (or Legal Guardian):

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every practice and game or other event hosted by Central Jersey Flag Football.
- I (and my guests) recognize that the coaches are volunteers and I will treat them with the same level of respect I would like to receive from them.
- I (and my guests) will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of my personal desire to win and will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes.
- I (and my guests) recognize that this is a recreational youth sports league that preaches the importance of having fun and developing a love of this great game.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will ask that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect at all times regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I (and my guests) will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I (and my guests) will respect the officials and coaches for their authority during games and practices and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees at the game field.
- I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
- If I do have a concern with a coach, I will follow the appropriate steps to have these concerns addressed:
 - I will schedule a time to talk with my athlete's coaching staff to share my concerns
 - Interrupting a team event to address the coach is not acceptable
 - I will share my concerns with league staff at the field or at a scheduled time.
- Please recognize that teams may be penalized due to the behavior of their spectators and that the league does have the ability to remove spectators from the field if needed.