



NORTHSIDE YOUTH FOOTBALL

Home of the Northside Dolphins!

CODE OF CONDUCT & PARENT COMMITMENT

The following is a list of general rules and guidelines, which in conjunction with the organization's Bylaws, will be the framework for the expected conduct of all Football Players, Cheerleaders and all Parents/Guardians of Northside Dolphins participants. These rules take effect immediately following the registration of a participant within the organization. Please review this document and feel free to ask any of the Executive Board members for clarification of specific items.

➡ **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. While we do understand the importance of striving to be the best team or organization, winning is secondary to teaching the participants good sportsmanship, integrity, respect and the game itself.

➡ **BEHAVIOR:** Everyone is expected to treat the Coaches and each other with respect. Profanity, emotional scenes or other inappropriate behavior at practice, games or any Northside Dolphins function will not be tolerated. Misbehavior and/or insubordination can lead to a Parent/Coach meeting or Parent/Coach/Board Member meeting, with further consequences. Repeat offenders can be suspended and/or removed from the team. If any participant is removed from the team due to inappropriate behavior, the participant is not eligible for a refund of their registration fee or any part thereof.

➡ **ATTENDANCE:** In furtherance of the Northside Dolphins' goal of educating the participants in their sport, each participant will be responsible to attend practices. It is important for the development of the individual, as well as the team that each person makes every effort to attend scheduled practices and games. The attendance policy will be addressed with the participant/parent at a team meeting held at the beginning of practice season. Any questions regarding attendance should be addressed with the Head Coach of your respective team. It is expected that parents make every reasonable effort to have their child at all practices and games on time and notify their coach if the child will be late or will miss a game or practice. The child may not participate fully in games and/or competitions if they have missed practice or games, subject to the discretion of the Athletic Director, Cheer Coordinator, or Head Coach.

➡ **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Parents are expected to abide by the organization's inclement weather practice procedure and not assume practice is cancelled due to dark clouds or rain. Unless contacted by a Coach or Team Parent, parents are expected to bring their child to practice or a game as scheduled.

➡ **EQUIPMENT:** Parents are financially responsible for the return of all equipment/uniform issued. Any equipment not returned by the designated return dates will be considered lost equipment and the family of the participant will be billed for the replacement cost of any outstanding equipment. In addition, the participant and/or siblings will not be permitted to register for the following year until all outstanding monies have been paid. The estimated replacement cost of one participant's equipment/uniform exceeds \$200.00.

➡ **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** *The continued success of the Northside Dolphins organization depends on its parents!* All parents must contribute to the organization in order for it to continue to thrive and benefit our children. Parent volunteer opportunities are unlimited and critical to running a well-organized team. Just as the coaching staff and Board Members give their time and efforts for the organization, so can each and every parent. **Each family must contribute a minimum of ten (10) volunteer hours to the organization each season and is responsible to ensure volunteer hours are logged by the Team Parent for his/her child.**

Examples of family volunteer hours include: Coach, Team Parent, Chairing a Committee/Event; Committee Membership, Concession Stand Hours, Work Shift During Event (e.g. equipment handout, registration, homecoming supervision of inflatable bounce house), Game Announcer, Chain Gang Crew, Board Membership.

➡ **CONCESSION STAND:** An adult member of your family or representative on your behalf must work a minimum of two (2) hours in the Northside Dolphins practice field concession stand or the TBYFL concession stand each season. This may be achieved via one 2-hour shift or two 1-hour shifts. Even if a family has already met the minimum requirement of ten (10) volunteer hours, the family's commitment to two hours in the concession stand is not waived. An immediate member of your family is serving as a Coach, Board Member or Team Parent does not waive your family's obligation to work in the concession stand. However, if two immediate members of the same family are coaching/serving as a Team Parent, the concession stand requirement is waived.

➡ **VOLUNTEER HOURS BUY-OUT OPTION:** If you are unable or unwilling to volunteer your time in accordance with the ten (10) hour requirement during the current season, you may make a financial contribution in lieu of services hours in the amount of \$200.00. This contribution is separate and unrelated to registration fees and will waive your requirement to work in the concession stand; however, a buy-out WILL NOT waive your obligation to participate in organization fundraisers. Further, any monies received for a volunteer hours buy-out are non-refundable and will not entitle you to sponsorship benefits or refund through the sponsorship program. If you would like to proceed in this manner, please indicate on the financial form and submit the minimum donation in full, in addition to the full registration fee applicable to your participant(s) at the time of registration. If a family does not donate a minimum of ten (10) volunteer hours by the end of the season, all children in that family will not be eligible for early registration the following year and must registration at an open registration event.

➡ **FUNDRAISERS:** Each registered participant is required to participate in all fundraisers requested by the organization and failure to participate could result in your child(ren) not being permitted to register for the following year's season. This includes picking up and/or signing for merchandise being sold, as well as the returning of collected money on or before the designated time period. If any monies are owed to the Northside Dolphins beyond the scheduled payment dates, it will result in suspension of child(ren) until the financial obligation has been met.

➡ **REFUND POLICY:** Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Board; however, there is no guarantee a refund will be issued. Any refund request based on a medical injury/condition must also include a copy of a physician note. Requests will be considered on an individual basis with consideration of the date request is submitted in comparison to the deadline dates set forth for the current season, whether all equipment or uniform has been returned in good condition to the organization and whether any other expenses have been incurred by the organization on behalf of the child(ren). If any equipment/uniform, or part thereof, is not returned and/or is returned in poor or damaged condition, no refund will be issued—no exceptions.

➡ **MEDIA CONSENT:** The organization has the right to use the participant's name, picture and/or likeness in printed, broadcast, social media and other material concerning the program, provided such use is related to the status of the participant in the program.

➡ **PERSONAL ITEMS:** Participant is responsible for all belongings he/she brings to practice field, game field and/or competitions. Coaches are not responsible for personal water coolers, jewelry, cell phones, etc.