

(2023) – MES Seminoles Code of Conduct Form

MES Seminoles will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer coaches from any Fan, Parent or Spectator.

This is **MES Seminoles Youth Football** within American Youth Football, not the pros. Fans, as well as the players and coaches, **are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all MES Seminoles and/or American Youth Football Events.** While 99% of the adults in the program will abide by this code without being told, this code is being published to protect the children and volunteers (which includes all coaches and board members) from the 1%.

CODE OF CONDUCT

ALL PARENTS / FANS MUST abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follows. If any of these rules are broken, **MES Seminoles** shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

PARENTS / FANS shall:

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other MES and/or AYF functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
7. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
8. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e., right after a game or practice).

VIOLATION

ANY PARENT OR FAN WHO VIOLATES THE CODE OF CONDUCT RISKS THE FURTHER PARTICIPATION OF THE CHILD WITHIN THE MES SEMINOLES PROGRAM. The procedure is as follows:

1. Any Parent / Fan who violates the Code of Conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by the Head Coach or his designee and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the Parent / Fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities by the Head Coach. If child is suspended, Parent must pay the MES Reinstatement Fee.
3. The Head Coach with the Executive Team will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four weeks. MES CEO decides if the child will be dropped from the program which depends on the parent's vibe.
4. Any Parent / Fan who violates the Code of Conduct and depending on the severity of the violation risks the potential of Criminal and/or Civil Litigation filed against them.

CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS - PARENTS

All players are guaranteed 4 - 5 plays in each Jamboree, Regular Season and/or Playoff game. Everything beyond that must be earned in the opinion of the Head Coach and whose decisions are final.

Athlete's Code

I will: emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors. Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.

I will not: Use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize my teammates. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

Parent's Code

I will: Support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad - emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child, MES Seminoles, and/or American Youth Football make athletic contests a positive educational experience. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the Head Coach, MES Executive Team, and/or MES CEO to work towards a positive result for all concerned.

I will not: Criticize officials with indirect / direct abuse, profane language towards them, and/or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work and/or deed, the authority of the Head Coach, Coaching Staff, and/or Administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the Coaches, Referees, or Administration.

Please cut along this line, sign and return to the head coach

I have **READ** the *CODE OF CONDUCT* and **understand what is expected.**

Child's Name (PRINT)

Team Name

Date

Parents Name (PRINT)

Parents Signature

This part of the **form must be returned to the Head Coach before the first game to the season.**