

Policy Governing Spectator Behavior at CTYFL Events

Please read and understand the following CTYFL Spectator Behavior Policy. After reading, each parent or guardian will sign and date this form at the bottom acknowledging you are aware of and accept the CTYFL Spectator Behavior Policy and will accept and abide by the consequences outlined in the CTYFL Bylaws and Procedures Manual for violation of this policy.

Parents/guardians and their friends are responsible for the behavior and actions of their children as well.

- 1) Spectators are expected and encouraged to enthusiastically cheer for and encourage the players on their team. Being allowed to observe your child's efforts on the field is a privilege, not an opportunity to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious. If the other team's spectators are breaking the rules you should report them to the Field Director or League Officer – you must never choose to act in the same manner. You would not allow this of your children and they should be able to expect that you will not embarrass them with immature behavior.
- 2) Respect and obey the rules of the hosting Association. Treat their field as you would your home field. All CTYFL facilities prohibit the use or consumption of alcohol, tobacco products or any controlled substance at that facility.
- 3) Respect the decisions of the coaches. Remember that this is a game for and played by children – not professional athletes.
- 4) Respect the other team and respect the other people around you. Profane and harassing language is absolutely forbidden at all CTYFL events. As parents they are as proud of and concerned for their children as you are with yours. Do not belittle the players of the other team unless you are ok with someone belittling your children in front of you and if you are ok with that you need to reconsider your priorities.
- 5) Respect the integrity and efforts of the Game Officials. They are on the field because they have made a commitment to learn, understand and interpret the rules of the game. CTYFL uses only officials in good standing with the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO). While that does not guarantee they will make perfect decisions in every single situation, it does guarantee they have received the training necessary to understand what that perfect decision should have been.
- 6) Be objective and accept the possibility that it was simply a greater effort by the opponents rather than cheating that allowed them to make a good play.
- 7) Cheating and bad sportsmanship are not options. They rob victory of meaning and replace the high ideals of sport with the petty values of a win-at-all-costs mentality. Victories attained in dishonorable ways are hollow and degrade the concept of sport.
- 8) Spectators, by definition, are not to be in the Field Area and as such they will normally be subject to disciplinary actions taken by the Field Directors. However, their negative or offensive comments directed at officials, players or coaches may lead to their team and Head Coach receiving an Unsportsmanlike Conduct Foul from the officials for each offense. Any CTYFL Head Coach, Assistant or Spectator receiving 2 Unsportsmanlike Conduct Fouls is immediately ejected from the game. All Unsportsmanlike Conduct fouls accrued by that team's sideline, whether actually on the Head Coach, his Assistants or his Spectators will be attributed to the Head Coach as well as the person committing the foul.

Name of Player/Cheerleader

Parent/Guardian #1 – Signature

Print Your Name

Date

Parent/Guardian #2 - Signature

Print Your Name

Date