



Simi Valley Patriots Youth Football *Code of Conduct*

The Patriots Youth Football Program has implemented the following Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in our chapter. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games and/or practices.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the Simi Valley Patriots Youth Football program, by following the Patriots Code of Conduct:

- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 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 game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as, but not limited to, booing, taunting, **using profane or vulgar language**, including gestures on the practice field, games or any other related Patriots activity.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I agree that I and my child will treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take the time to speak with coaches the next day or at the next practice. I will remember that the coach is volunteering his/her personal time and money in order to provide a recreational activity for my child. The coach is offering an invaluable community service often without any reward other than personal satisfaction and without them my child would not be able to participate in the Patriots Youth Football program.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- Any athlete receiving discipline by a coach or an official for throwing a punch, participating in a fight or similar acts may be further suspended or expelled. Any coach, volunteer, parent or spectator receiving discipline, including, but not limited to, being asked to leave any PYFL/Patriots event for violent physical or verbal conduct or inappropriate behavior will be subject to further discipline action including suspension or expulsion from the league and the Patriots Youth Football program.

I understand that by signing this Code of Conduct agreement I am representing my community and the Patriots Youth Football program. Participants include: Parents/Guardians, players, coaches, cheerleaders, spectators, and guests. I agree to obey all bylaws and rules during the season and that I have read and fully understand the Code of Conduct set forth by the Patriots Youth Football Program. I also understand that the Patriots youth football program reserves the right to limit or remove participation of any person in any role for any reason as described above.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Simi Valley Patriots Youth Football *2009 Policies*

PYFL Compliance

All players are required by the PYFL to attend two Certification Events during the season. The first event will be held on one of the first Saturdays in August, and the second will be held on one of the first Sundays in November. It is your responsibility to find out the specifics concerning these events, and to make your child available at the specified times. These events are mandatory, and the PYFL is under no obligation to accommodate your ability to attend the event.

Refund Policy

It is the express policy of the Simi Valley Patriots Board of Directors that no refunds be granted after your child has been PYFL certified. In the event there is an extraordinary circumstance that will prevent your child from participating in the football season, you may request a *Special Circumstances Refund* in writing from the President. The Board of Directors will determine whether they judge the circumstances "extraordinary" and grant a refund, less a \$50 processing fee, on that basis.

Mandatory Parental Participation

The Simi Valley Patriots will operate entirely on a mandatory volunteer basis for the 2009 season. We will require each participating family to donate 4 hours/2 games of service. Each family will be required to sign up for a specific volunteer assignment prior to start of the season. Failing to sign up or failure to serve at your assigned time and date will directly jeopardize the playing eligibility of your player.

Fundraising Deposit Policy

Every parent/guardian will be required to submit a post-dated check **at time of registration** in the amount of \$50 as a deposit for your player's fundraising commitment. This deposit will be securely filed until your player has completed his minimum fundraising requirement of \$50, at which time the deposit check will be returned. Please know that your check will be handled with extreme care and security and will never be deposited without your prior knowledge. Players will NOT be registered without submitting the mandatory fundraising deposit check.

Fundraising Buy-Out Option

Families choosing to not participate in fundraising may elect to donate \$50 per player.

Football Equipment Deposit Policy

Every parent/guardian will be required to submit a post-dated check, on equipment handout day (TBD @ Arroyo Park), in the amount of \$150 as a deposit for your player's football equipment. This deposit will guard your Patriots Football program from having to unnecessarily spend its resources to replace unreturned or damaged equipment. [NOTE: Normal wear & tear does not equate to damaged equipment]. Upon submitting the post-dated check, your child will receive his equipment (helmet, pads, practice jersey, etc.). Your deposit check will then be securely filed. At the end of the season, your deposit check will be returned to you in exchange for your player's equipment. Please know that your check will be handled with extreme care and security and will never be deposited without your prior knowledge. Equipment will NOT be issued without submitting the mandatory deposit check.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Patriots Board of Directors

Player's Name: _____

Player Division: PW BN MG JR SR
Circle one

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____