



## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

Jeffco Youth Football Association (JYFA) has adopted a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior effective immediately. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the pre-season, regular season and post-season, which shall include but not be limited to practices, games, tournaments and any other league sponsored event(s). This policy applies before, during and after all JYFA events and the immediate surrounding areas.

Our sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren far too often watch many of us forget the real reason for being involved in youth sports. We must promote fair play, good sportsmanship and teach our children how to play the game. We feel it is everyone’s responsibility to teach the players that there is more to the game than winning or losing and the final score.

### **By registering your child with JYFA, coaching in JYFA or attending any JYFA event, you are agreeing to abide by the following policy:**

1. All persons involved with JYFA including parents/guardians, players, coaches, managers, board members, officials, field monitors and spectators shall abide by the Zero Tolerance Policy and all the rules governing the league.
2. It is the duty of all coaches, managers and area representatives to control their coaches, players and spectators at all times.
3. Coaches should teach their players to respect the dignity of the game, the authority of its officials, the value of the opponent and the institutions they represent.
4. Cursing, obscene or threatening gestures or language, harassment of any kind, malicious or personal remarks between coaches, opponents, players, spectators or officials on or off the field will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. Anyone found in violation will be immediately removed from the field and forbidden to return until disciplinary action(s) or decision(s) have been made.
5. Improper use of, or deliberate damage to the equipment or property by anyone will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disciplinary action.
6. Use of illegal substances or alcohol will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disciplinary action.



6. JYFA board members, area representatives, officials, field monitors and coaches shall be responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations on and off the playing field.
7. Any and all questions, concerns or reports regarding a disciplinary problem(s) and or action(s) subject to this policy can directed in person to any JYFA Board member or by email at [info@jeffcofootball.com](mailto:info@jeffcofootball.com). Any and all information and concerns are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the parties involved.

### **Penalties for Violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy**

1. First offense - immediate ejection/removal from event. This is your one and only “warning.”
2. Second offense - immediate ejection/removal from event and suspension of attendance at 1 to 3 JYFA events depending on severity of violation
3. Third offense - immediate ejection/removal from event and suspension of 1 year of attendance at JYFA events.

***JYFA reserves the right to assess additional penalties for egregious behavior including up to a lifetime ban of attendance at JYFA events.***

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date