



## **Adult Code of Ethics**

Holly Stampede Youth Football & Cheerleading is a non-profit organization, with the sole purpose of promoting youth tackle football, instructional, competitive, and academic excellence.

These goals cannot be attained without the active participation and cooperation of parents/guardians and other adult volunteers. Due to the increasing violence and rising numbers of abuse incidents in our nation's youth football programs during and after games, the Stampede Board of Directors have unanimously approved a "ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY", related to inappropriate behavior at practices, games, and Stampede sponsored activities. The Board feels that league officials, parents, guests, and coaches should be proactive in seeking a safe and instructive environment for children without the threat of violence, inappropriate behavior, or vulgar language on the sidelines.

While most inappropriate behavior is obvious, the actions that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited to the following:

- Parents and fans on the field without permission
- Inappropriate language (cussing, swearing, insults, etc.)
- Yelling negative comments at the referees or opposing players
- Antagonizing and/or instigating disagreements with players, parents, or officials
- Trashing fields
- Attending events drunk or smelling of alcohol
- Physical displays of aggression or threats of physical aggression
- Any action that officials or coaches deem to be inappropriate, or the individual has previously been asked to stop doing.
- The use of tobacco products, alcohol or drugs at the school, or any Stampede function

Any player, coach, official, parent, or fan, participating in inappropriate behavior will be ejected from the game. In cases where the offending party does not leave the area, then the field director or head of tackle football coach in charge will immediately contact the police and request their assistance in having the offender removed. A league report will be filed, and if the same person is ejected twice, they will no longer be allowed to attend Stampede events. Based on the nature of the offense, criminal charges may be filed against the individual. Threats of or physical displays of aggression will be reported to the police. Any ejected person has the right to an appeal hearing by the Board of Directors. All parties involved will be notified and invited to attend the hearing. Every effort will be made to have hearings scheduled within 7-14 days of a written request.

The Stampede hopes these policies will ensure a safe, tolerable environment for your family to be around and your children to play in. Thank you for doing your part to help.



## As Parent or Guardian

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child and other children participating with this program by following this Code of Ethics:

I will encourage and demonstrate by example, the importance of good sportsmanship and positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at all practices and games.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child above my personal desire to win.

I will assist in maintaining an Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug free environment.

I will assist in teaching my child that rules are important and must be followed.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I understand that verbal and physical abuse is not tolerated against anyone in this organization including profanity and foul language.

I understand that racial epithets or negative communications related to a person/player's race, religion, gender, age, height, weight, ethnicity, or mental or physical disability will not be tolerated.  I will show respect for all officials, coaches, parents, guests, and volunteers.

I will not create conflict by slander, malicious rumors, or threats, nor will I entice others to do so.

By signing below, I understand that the Holly Stampede has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.

I agree that by signing the Code of Conduct, I accept its rules as guidelines for my behavior as well as that of my immediate family. I understand this applies to all parents/guardians/stepparents/grandparents/etc. of participants. I also understand that it is my responsibility to convey this information to them. I agree that if I or members of my immediate family/friends/etc. fail to abide by Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following: If I violate any of the Code of Ethics it may result in the expulsion of my child's and/or my/our expulsion from any Holly Stampede activity for not less than the balance of the current season, or as determined by the Holly Stampede Executive Board.

**Every Parent and Coach must abide by this policy.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player(s)Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_