



## 2018 SEASON CODE OF CONDUCT

**Otay Ranch Football & Cheer Association (“ORYFC”) has a zero tolerance policy and will not tolerate any verbal abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and/or cyber bullying of its volunteers, coaches or players from any fan, parent or spectator.**

ORYFC is **not** a professional sports association. Fans, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by this code of conduct at all ORYFC events, whether home or away games, cheer competition, etc.

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 team personnel: coaches, team parents, and board members from the remaining 1%.

### CONDUCT AS IT RELATES TO USE OF OTAY RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

- I will respect and obey the rules and regulations set by the administration of Otay Ranch High School, at all times
- In the event that I arrive at the practice fields and/or home games, and the students/parents of Otay Ranch High School are using the field, I will not intrude upon the fields and/or disrupt the student activities
- I agree to the following:
  - I will not bring my pet(s) to school property
  - I will work to ensure that Otay Ranch High School is in the same and/or better condition than it was when I arrived on campus, where possible
  - NO coolers will be allowed during practice or home games. Exceptions will be allowed for team drinks ONLY and need to be checked in.
  - I will not have in my possession any alcoholic drinks and or drugs at any time on school property (including parking lots)
  - I will not smoke on school property
  - Canopies will be allowed in the stadium during home games, must be able to be tied down for safety, and MUST NOT obstruct the view of other spectators.

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## ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I will emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. I will show courtesy to my opponents and officials. I will recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors. I will give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. I will discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority, or taking part in bullying anyone. **I will follow the rules and regulations established by my team, the Association and SDYFC at all times.**

I will not use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game. I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. I will not participate in bullying in any form or manner. I will not criticize my teammates or act in any way that may incite spectators.

## PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I will support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad – emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. I will help my child and ORYFC make athletic contests a positive educational experience. I will show courtesy to opponents and officials at all times. I will direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the athletic director or association officials and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

I will not criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority; I will not undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration; nor will I intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration; I will do my best to remain at practice during practice hours and/or pick up my child(ren) on time from practices.

I agree to return any equipment loaned to me and/or my child during the season at the requested time(s) and understand that failure to return the equipment may result in notification to the police and/or a collection agency that the equipment has not been returned. I agree to reimburse the Association for the actual replacement cost of any missing items brought to my attention.

I will adhere to, and help enforce the rules and regulations established by my team and, the Association and/or SDYFC.

## FAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Fans (parents, family, spectators), at any ORYFC football games or sponsored activities, regardless of location, will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions.

Fans shall:

- Not criticize the players/cheerleaders; coaches, and/or officials in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
- 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.
- Support the coaching staff and refrain from excessive "sideline coaching" from the stands.
- Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other ORYFC functions.
- Refrain from using profanity and not participate in verbal banter with other fans, athletes or coaches.

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## FAN CODE OF CONDUCT (CONT'D)

- Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking of alcoholic beverages and not have in your possession or use of any illegal substance/drug on both the game and practice fields.
- Not be allowed on the field and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators
- Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
- 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).
- Not participate in any physical fighting and or rioting at any time

If any of these rules are broken, ORYFC shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

## SOCIAL MEDIA STATEMENT

We live in a time where there are new things that we have to account for as an entire league. In our current day & age we have to now take in account things like social media and the internet. We, as a Board (and as an entire league), are charged with protecting the interests & well-being of ALL our members. This includes protecting those whose comments might be made about, as well as protecting those who might make malicious or negative comments, protecting them from publically projecting a negative image of themselves. This is why we now have to request the following:

*Please be respectful when posting anything on social media relating to Otay Ranch Youth Football and Cheer, including but not limited to other parents, coaches, volunteers, board members, officials, players and cheerleaders, etc. Negative comments on social media of any form regarding the Otay Ranch Youth Football and Cheer Association or any of it's members, as mentioned above, **will not be tolerated** and may result in suspension and/or termination of the player or cheerleader from the program, regardless if comments were made by the parent or the player/ cheerleader.*

These new guidelines speak directly to the time that we live in and directly reflect what is being taught to our children on how they are expected to handle themselves on social media outlets. As a league, ORYFC will have a strict and zero tolerance policy around these new guidelines.

## VIOLATIONS

**Any player, parent, or fan that violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance may be asked to leave any ORYFC event by the Head Coach, any ORYFC Association official, or SDYFC official and risks their child from being suspended from all team activities for the rest of the season and risks the future participation of his/her children in any ORYFC activities. NO REFUNDS will be issued with any code of conduct violation.**

**Other ramifications of code of conduct violations will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following AND will apply to any parent, fan, player, coach and/or entire team:**

- Game ejection
- Game suspension
- Game forfeiture
- Season suspension
- Permanent expulsion from any future ORYFC activities



## CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT 2018 SEASON

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Football/Cheer Division** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the 2018 ORYFC Code of Conduct prior to the start of any registration paperwork. By affixing my signature hereto, I hereby agree to adhere to, abide by and be bound to the ORYFC Code of Conduct for the 2018 Season.

### AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Parent / Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name (Parent / Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR ORYFC ASSOCIATION USE ONLY

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

Has residency been verified? Yes / No

Is a waiver required? Yes / No

\*Registration does not confirm that the SDYFC will grant the waiver request.

Home Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

How old will be participant be as of July 31, 2018? \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS ORIGINAL SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT WILL BE RETAINED BY ORYFC, AS OF THE DATE OF REGISTRATION**

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