

JYFL Juneau Youth Football League

Travel Policy and Code of Conduct (Rev 9/24/2008)

JYFL recognizes that out of town travel games provide valuable opportunities for participants to expand their competitive options and represent the organization to other communities. The purpose of this policy is to clearly define the expectations of the JYFL on coaches, chaperones, cheerleaders, and players (referred to as "Participants".)

Each participant on a team should have an equal opportunity to travel provided they have met all league registration requirements including payment of fees prior to the date specified by the JYFL Board. The Board may additionally set specific fund raising and participation requirements on participants to be eligible for travel provided those requirements are enforced equitably on all participants. The JYFL President has the authority to negotiate alternate arrangements related to fundraising and registration fee payment requirements with a participant's parent or guardian provided that arrangement is communicated to the JYFL Board.

Participants are ambassadors of their league and community. As such, JYFL expects them to portray good citizenship, practice fair and ethical behavior, and be good role models. To ensure the health, safety, and rights of all participants in JYFL sponsored travel, this code of conduct has been adopted by the JYFL Board. Violation of this code of conduct will result in the removal of the participant's right to participate in the event. League rules shall apply to all participants at all times while traveling. Participants will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of travel guidelines and rules including curfews, housing assignments, and the transportation carrier's policies, as well as for insubordination and violations of JYFL policies or the law.

Player/cheerleader Code of Conduct

- 1) All participants are expected to attend all event sessions that are required by the coach.
- 2) All participants are expected to respect the rights, cultural diversity, and safety of others.
- 3) All participants will treat event personnel, including officials and opposing team members and staff, with dignity and respect.
- 4) JYFL will not be responsible for any lost or stolen item. If you don't want them lost, don't bring them.
- 5) No weapons of any type including pocket knives, leathermen, pepper spray, etc. are to be in your possession.
- 6) Use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances are strictly prohibited at any time from the beginning to conclusion of the travel and event.
- 7) All participants will respect the property of other individuals and facilities. Vandalism, theft, and possession of stolen property will not be tolerated.
- 8) All player's/cheerleader's are to follow the direction of any authorized JYFL coach or chaperone on the trip regardless if that coach is part of their team or not.
- 9) Players/cheerleaders wishing to visit with friends or family while traveling must have written permission from their parent or legal guardian prior to leaving. The player's/cheerleader's coach must authorize their leaving and may disapprove the request for team reasons.
- 10) Players/cheerleaders are required to travel both to and from events with the team or group. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of their coaches
- 11) All players/cheerleader are required to bring adequate funds to eat all meals not provided by JYFL. Coaches will not be expected to loan players/cheerleaders money for food.
- 12) All players/cheerleaders are required to clean all areas they have used prior to leaving. Even the most minor vandalism will not be tolerated and will be grounds for returning the participant to Juneau at their parent's expense.

Disciplinary action for failure to comply with this code of conduct may include, a player/cheerleader being sent home at a parent's expense and restriction from further participation in JYFL activities for the remainder of the season.

Coach/Chaperone Code of Conduct

- 1) A player/cheerleader must be under the direct supervision of an authorized Coach/Chaperone at all times. Team members are never to be left unsupervised.
- 2) Coaches/Chaperones should never allow themselves to be in a position where they are in a private one on one situation with a player/cheerleader. There should always be another participant within view.
- 3) The JYFL Board will pre arrange all transportation. Coaches/chaperones will insure that no unsafe driving conditions are allowed including any private vehicles without seatbelts for all participants. The

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JYFL President or Travel Coordinator should be contacted immediately if the coach/chaperone detects an unsafe travel situation.

- 4) Male and female participant's sleeping arrangements will be made to completely segregate sexes and not allow any interaction during the night. Same sex chaperones will be provided in all sleeping areas at all times.
- 5) Coaches/chaperones must recognize that out of town officials and program administrators will perform at level different than that of Juneau's. Coaches/chaperones will treat these officials and administrators with respect regardless of the situation. Any complaints need to be documented in writing with available witness statements and provided to the JYFL President for follow-up investigation.
- 6) The JYFL Board will attempt to assign a board representative as a chaperone on all sponsored travel. If a board representative travels as a chaperone they will have the final authority for any disagreement that needs to be arbitrated during the travel. Their decision may be appealed to the JYFL President or full board later but will be in effect until that appeal can be made. If no JYFL board representative is traveling the player's/cheerleader's coach will have final say on all matters of disagreement.
- 7) While actively engaged in supervision of, or on the same premises as, players/cheerleaders no coach/chaperone may use, possess, and/or distribute alcohol or tobacco. At no time during their association with JYFL may coaches/chaperones possess or use any controlled substance.
- 8) Coaches will be held responsible for their player's/cheerleader's behavior and are expected to discipline them under JYFL policies. A player's/cheerleader's violation of the rules or code of conduct are to be reported to the senior JYFL board representative if discipline is required up to and including sending the participant back to Juneau.
- 9) **Coaches shall insure that medical releases for all player/cheerleaders are in their possession** and that any participant requiring emergency care or transportation is accompanied by an authorized adult and that the remainder of the players/cheerleaders remain supervised. If necessary to comply with this requirement the game must be canceled.
- 10) Coaches/Chaperones will insure that all areas used by players/cheerleaders will be cleaned up prior to leaving that location. Even minor vandalism is not to be tolerated.
- 11) Coaches are to remain at the final disembarkation point until all of their players/cheerleaders have been picked up. Coaches are expected to contact a JYFL board representative, or local law enforcement authorities if a Board representative is not available, if they suspect a participant has been left or neglected.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- 1) Parents/Guardians will insure that their child has fully read, promised to comply with, and understand the ramifications of violating their code of conduct detailed above.
- 2) Parents/Guardians will insure that their child has adequate funds to provide for meals not provided by JYFL.
- 3) Parents/Guardians understand they are financially responsible for their child's actions during this trip.
- 4) Parents/Guardians will provide support as requested by the coaches to the best of their abilities.
- 5) Parents/Guardians are required to sign this code of conduct prior to the participant's travel.

I agree to fully comply with this travel policy and code of conduct.

Participant

Date

Participant's Parent or Guardian if applicable.

Date

Bring enough money for two days food and ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT- Spares will not be available!!