

Tualatin Valley Youth Football League Rules Pertaining to Ejections

Section 1.2.1 of the Bylaws states that the purpose of the League is to foster among the members the ideals of teamwork, **good sportsmanship**, good citizenship and character as well as the beneficial opportunities of becoming positive examples for others.

In certain situations, behavior becomes unacceptable and the player or coach is ejected from the game. The following is the league's position on those ejections. Punishment will be swift and meaningful.

Player Ejections:

If at any time during a game, a player is ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct that player will be disqualified from playing in the remainder of that game and at least one additional game. Additional game disqualifications may be assessed based on the severity of the conduct.

The Division Co-Presidents shall have the final authority to assess the punishment.

A description of the situation will be obtained from the lead official. The purpose of this description will be to review the incident or situation giving rise to the ejection in order to assess the length of the disqualification, not to overturn it. The official shall have final authority to make the ejection. Descriptions from outside parties including coaches, parents, or spectators will not be accepted or utilized.

It is the coaches' responsibility to work to eliminate (or at least minimize) situations giving rise to possible instances of inappropriate behavior. Examples include removal of the player from the game, counseling the player about their conduct and/or benching the player.

Coach Ejections:

If at any time during a game, a coach is ejected by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct that coach will be disqualified from the remainder of that game and at least the following game. Additional game disqualifications may be assessed based on the severity of the conduct. Disqualifications may include a ban from coaching in any association playing in Tualatin Valley Youth Football League.

The head coach may also be subject to disciplinary actions due to the actions of his players, coaches or parents. The head coach is responsible for his players, his assistant coaches and the parents of his players.

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A copy of the Oregon Revised Statutes pertaining to conduct is attached.

164.274 Definitions for ORS164.276 and 164.278

1. "Coach" means a person who instructs or trains members of a team or directs the strategy of a team participating in a sports event
2. "Inappropriate behavior" means:
 - a. Engaging in fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior;
 - b. Violating the rules of conduct governing coaches, team players and spectators at a sports event;
 - c. Publicly insulting another person by abusive words or gestures in a manner intended to provoke a violent response, or;
 - d. Intentionally subjecting another person to offensive physical contact.
3. "Premises" has the meaning given in ORS 164.205.
4. "Spectator" means any person, other than a team player or coach, who attends a sports event.
5. "Sports official" has the meaning given that term in ORS 30.882.

164.276 Authority of sports official to expel persons from a sports event. A sports official may order a coach, team player or spectator to leave the premises at which a sports event is taking place and at which the sports official is officiating if the coach, team player or spectator is engaging in inappropriate behavior.

164.278 Criminal trespass at sports event

1. A person commits the crime of criminal trespass at a sports event if the person:
 - a. Is a coach, team player or spectator at a sports event;
 - b. Engages in inappropriate behavior;
 - c. Has been ordered by a sports official to leave the premises at which the sports event is taking place, and;
 - d. Fails to leave the premises or returns to the premises during the period of time reentry is prohibited.
2. Criminal trespass at a sports event is a Class C misdemeanor.