

# Foxboro Youth Football & Cheerleading, Inc.

## Standard Operating Policy (S.O.P.) FYFC-06

### *Equipment and Uniforms*

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## POLICY

It is the policy of FYFC to supply all football and cheerleading teams with most of the basic required equipment and uniforms. Safety is the number one priority and all equipment must meet approved safety standards. The AYF (American Youth Football) rulebook may dictate what is required, approved, and not allowed to participate in practice, games and competition. This policy specifies FYFC's equipment and uniform requirements.

### Standard Practices

1. Equipment and uniforms will only be issued to each player and cheerleader once FYFC has satisfactorily received all the following items:
  - ◆ Completed full AYF registration packet and registration fee.
  - ◆ Original birth certificate for 1<sup>st</sup> time participant, or stamped league copy.
  - ◆ School final report card, eligibility waiver or facsimile.
  - ◆ The current calendar year physical exam form signed by a doctor.
  - ◆ Parent/guardian signature on equipment receipt form.The collection of all these items and the issuance of equipment go hand in hand. Participation in practice and games is also prohibited if any of these items are missing.
2. Equipment and uniforms are not always new, but should be in good, usable condition. FYFC will not knowingly issue any piece of equipment or uniform that poses a safety risk to any participant.
3. Parents/guardians of participants are responsible for providing any required equipment or clothing not supplied by FYFC. These items must meet the approval standards of AYF, AYC and FYFC.
4. Participants are required to follow the Equipment and Uniform Care instructions found on the FYFC website, or the Information Handbook. Detailed instructions are also provided at equipment and uniform issue and available on our website. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.
5. FYFC understands that through normal wear and tear, as well as damage sustained in competition, a uniform or equipment may require replacement. The cost of that replacement is solely on FYFC. However, the cost of replacement will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian should any of the following occur:
  - ◆ Equipment or uniform that is lost or stolen.
  - ◆ Intentionally or accidentally damaged because of use from a non-approved FYFC practice, game, competition, or activity.
  - ◆ Any item not returned at the end of the season.

The replacement cost for each issued item will be the going market rate. Failure of the parent/guardian to make restitution will disqualify their child from any award recognition, or future participation in FYFC.

6. Cheerleaders are prohibited from eating and/or drinking anything other than clear liquids while wearing their cheerleading uniforms, unless they are wearing an additional clothing item that fully covers the uniform.
  - ◆ Parents/guardians will be responsible for the replacement or cleaning cost of any damaged uniforms resulting from negligence of this rule.
7. Uniforms and equipment are to be returned promptly after the season ends for each team or squad. FYFC asks that all clothing be washed as best as possible prior to return.

**Policy Modification and Termination Rights:**

FYFC reserves the authority to modify, amend, suspend or discontinue this policy, including its standard practices and administrative procedures, at any time at its sole discretion.

Approved by the Board of Directors