

# Mechanicville Youth Football -Code of Conduct

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize importance of skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will ensure that my son or daughter is at all practices and games on time or provide an appropriate excuse beforehand.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree:

1. I will show respect for my head coach, assistant coaches and fellow players.
2. I promise to arrive at all practices and games on time or provide an appropriate excuse beforehand.
3. I will honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
4. I will refrain from using abusive language and/or arguing with officials, coaches or other players.
5. I accept the fact that a violation of this code may result in my suspension or dismissal as a player.

## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree:

1. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will treat each player as an individual, promising to encourage and reassure them as I teach the fundamentals of football and sportsmanship.
4. I will accept responsibility for the actions of my team and for proper communication with officials and opposing teams.
5. I will honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
6. I will encourage every player to honor the authority of each official and treat him or her with respect.
7. I will refrain from intimidating officials or inciting players, coaches, or spectators to demonstrate.
8. I will refrain from shouting, yelling, throwing equipment, or using abusive language.
9. I accept the fact that a violation of this code may result in my suspension or dismissal as a coach

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:**

1. **Documented verbal warning by official, head coach, MYF Board member, other NYFL member association official, or NYFL official**
2. **Written warning by any of above to be kept on file**
3. **Parent, Player, or Coach game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved**
4. **Game forfeit through the official or coach**
5. **Parent, Player, or Coach season suspension**
6. **Parent, Player, or Coach permanent expulsion from MYF, NYFL and its member associations.**

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

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