



Thumb Area Football League



Parents Code of Conduct

(Taken from By-Laws, Sec. 1, "Purpose" and "Intent")

"The purpose of the league shall be to provide and promote, through properly qualified guidance and supervision, a clean and wholesome youth football and cheerleading program. It is our intent to teach the basic skills of football, to teach proper conduct and sportsmanship and ultimately, to **positively affect the development of our children.**"

The league was developed for kids to learn football, to have a lot of playing time and to have fun. We know that if these kids have fun in a positive environment, they will play better and want to stay with the sport as they get older. We also know that parents have a significant influence in the shaping and developing of their minds: in knowledge, attitudes and emotions,

I therefore agree:

1. Children participate to have fun...and the games, the teams, and the program are for our youth...not adults.
2. I will promote the well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will praise all players for competing fairly and trying hard...that even though the goal is to win, doing one's best is more important than winning...so that the players never feel defeated by the outcome of the game or his/her performance.
4. I will emphasize skill development and teamwork over individual accomplishment and "winning-at-all-costs".
5. I will always encourage sportsmanship, show respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
6. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike, disrespectful, irresponsible or inappropriate conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or spectator such as booing, taunting, or any obscene or disrespectful gesture.
7. I will not ridicule or talk negatively about any player, team, or coach...especially singling out a player or coach for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. I will encourage all players to play by the rules, resolving conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will keep open communication with the coaching staff and help support them. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety or health of my child or the safety and health of others.
10. I will refrain from coaching during games and practices, unless asked to do so.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during a game and never question or confront coaches at the game field.
12. I will demand a sport environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol...and refrain from use in all areas.
13. I will respect the fields (keeping practice and game areas cleaned and picked up).
14. I will help create a positive and fun environment...and knowing that praise goes a long way, I will help make our children feel like winners.

Name _____ Date _____ Team _____
Signature Printed

Note: This includes family and friends that come to observe on behalf of my child or myself.