



# MIDDLEVILLE

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

### CODE OF CONDUCT

#### PARENTS

The Middleville Youth Football Organization (MYF) believes that youth football should serve in an educational capacity whereby athletes are taught fundamentals, the essence of teamwork, and begin to forge lasting relationships with their peers.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the Middleville Youth Football program.

1. I will be in control of my emotions.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as, but not limited to, booing, taunting, using profane or vulgar language, including gestures on the practice field, games or any other related MYF activities.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I agree that my child and I will treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
9. 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.
10. There will be a "24 hour cooling off period" after games and/or serious issues that may arise before parents can speak to coaches and/or league board members. Please do not allow issues to continue past 48 hours.
11. 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 the time to speak with coaches the next day or at the next practice.

12. I will remember that the coach is volunteering his/her personal time in order to provide a recreational activity for my child. The coach is offering an invaluable community service often without any reward other than personal satisfaction and without them my child would not be able to participate in the Middleville Youth Football program.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Any athlete receiving discipline by a coach or an official for throwing a punch, participating in a fight or similar acts may be further suspended or expelled. Any coach, volunteer, parent or spectator receiving discipline, including, but not limited to, being asked to leave any MYF event for violent physical or verbal conduct or inappropriate behavior will be subject to further discipline action including suspension or expulsion from the league and the Middleville Youth Football program.

I understand that by signing this Code of Conduct agreement I am representing my community and the Middleville Youth Football program. I agree to obey all rules during the season and that I have read and fully understand the Code of Conduct set forth by the Middleville Youth Football program. I also understand that the MYF program reserves the right to limit or remove participation of any person in any role for any reason as described above.

Parent Name: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_