

**Youth football and cheerleading play a vital role in encouraging the physical, social, and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage their youth football players and cheerleaders to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline, and character development.**

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

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I hereby pledge that:

- I will provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activities.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I promise to communicate through the team coach. Concerns or constructive criticisms are welcome and should be expressed away from players, practice sessions, and games.
- I promise to share my concerns pertaining to the behavior of referees, other league officials, coaches, spectators, or other volunteers with the Head Coach or appropriate League Commissioner away from players, practice sessions, and games.
- I promise to fulfill all financial obligations required for my child to safely participate.

## **Conduct Unbecoming**

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The following conduct will be subject to disciplinary procedures:

- The physical abuse of any person.
  - This includes, but is not limited to, hitting, slapping, kicking, jerking, or any other physical contact designed to discipline or humiliate.
- The verbal abuse of any person.
  - This includes disparaging or derogatory comments directed at players, coaches, referees, officials, or parents.
- The consumption or possession of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, alcohol, or tobacco at any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.
- The unsafe use of a motor vehicle at any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.
- The abuse of property, vandalism, or theft while participating in any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.
- The failure to leave the playing field or sideline immediately when instructed to do so by a game official, referee, coach, or any McKinney Sports Connection Board member or League Official.
- Disruptive attempts to coach from the sideline.
- Any extreme or unusual practice or drill that could be harmful.

- Players leave any activity prior to its completion without permission from the manager, coach, or volunteer in charge.
- Dishonesty or cheating.
- The use of profanity.

Other forms of conduct, not specifically described above, may be subject to disciplinary action from the Association and/or the sports leagues.

Misconduct, as outlined above, may be subject to but not limited to the following levels of disciplinary action:

- Coach and/or commissioner conference with player's parent or guardian;
- Ejection from a game;
- Suspension from practice(s) or game(s);
- Suspension from the grounds for a specified time;
- Expulsion from McKinney Sports Connection.

**Determination of the disciplinary action issued for any code of conduct violation is at the sole discretion of the appropriate league official(s) or their representatives.**

Thank you,

McKinney Sports Connection

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