Clarington Minor Football Association

Parent Code of Conduct

*"Clarington Minor football Association’s mission is to develop athletes who strive for personal excellence and team success. We provide an inspirational and motivational environment where preparation, practice and hard work generate legitimate opportunities for success.  We emphasize the importance and support the development of fundamentals necessary for positive experiences in football and in life. Our goal is to create a quality football experience that generates monumental levels of support, pride and tradition for our youth and community to share."*

As parents/guardians we therefore agree:

* + I will not force my child to participate in sports.
  + I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
  + I will understand that player safety is paramount and I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
  + I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the CMFA.
  + I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
  + 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 on or off the field, in every game, practice or other team related forum or event, including but not limited to methods of mass communication such as emails, online activities or in print.
  + I and my guests will not engage in any kind of booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
  + 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 follow the CMFA due process in that regard.
  + I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
  + 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. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
  + I will attend every practice and game with my child unless the coach or manager is informed in advance and an alternate person has been granted permission to be responsible for my child.
  + I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
  + 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.
  + 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.
  + I will acknowledge that the coaches have player and team safety in mind first and foremost and that my child’s playing time on the field will be determined by the coach.

I agree that by signing the Code of Conduct, I accept its rules as guidelines for my behaviour as well as that of my immediate family. I agree that if I or members of my immediate family fail to abide by the Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

* Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or Executive Member.
* Written warning
* Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
* Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_