

# Moorpark Youth Football and Cheer Code of Conduct

At Moorpark Youth Football and Cheer, we are committed to creating a positive environment where players can have fun, make new friends, and develop a lifelong love of the game. We believe that mutual trust and respect is critical to any organization, and we require that all of our players, coaches, and parents demonstrate these values both on and off the field.

Actions by parents, fans and coaches, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting effect. MMYFC strongly believes the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship.

As a parent/guardian/coach of a player at MMYFC, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, his/her team, and the Chapter.

You agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines:

- I will adhere to the Moorpark Youth Football and Cheer Zero Tolerance Policy. I will never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or weapons of any kind at practices, games, or other events.
- I understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. We will not tolerate these acts from any players, coaches or adults associated with the MMYFC. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game or event.
- I will not post on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal from MMYFC. Furthermore, if I see anything of concern from or about an official, another coach, player or member on a social media site, I will immediately contact my child's coach or the MMYFC Board. As a parent, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child.

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will maintain self control at games, practices and other events.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will praise my child for playing hard and competing fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials and I will respect the referees and their decisions at all times.
- I will support the coaches and allow them to do their job by not coaching my child or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will not force my child to participate in football or cheer.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child or his/her team to win.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability, illness or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I realize that if I violate this Code of Conduct I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or MMYFC Board
- Written warning
- Parental/coach practice/game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the MMYFC Board
- Parental suspension from *all* future MMYFC Games (Home or Away), practices and events

By signing below, the Parent/Guardian/Coach agrees to abide by and be subject to this Code of Conduct. (signed digitally at registration)

Parent/Guardian/Coach Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

