

2018 CHAIR CITY LIONS CODE OF CONDUCT

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Children involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should demonstrate respect and self-control. The Chair City Lions are committed to each athlete's success within a caring, responsive, and safe environment that is free of discrimination, violence, and bullying. Our organization works to ensure that all athletes have the opportunity and support to develop to their fullest potential and share a personal and meaningful bond with their teammates and coaches/volunteers.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in events as a member of the Chair City Lions or representing the Chair City Lions in the community and shall conform to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee. This includes acts of physical aggression, helmet throwing or actions not associated with football play; hitting, kicking or punching an opponent or team mate during practice or at games.
3. I will not engage in the use of profanity on the sidelines. Coaches will adhere to the Central Massachusetts AYF rules regarding conduct on the sidelines, including only head coaches are allowed to address officials during game play.
4. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee. This includes both in person and online.
6. I will not initiate a fight, verbal or physical, with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
7. I will adhere to this Code of Conduct whenever I am representing the Chair City Lions, this includes at school and in the community.

I hereby agree that if I fail to follow the above code of conduct while participating as a member of the Chair City Lions, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination based on the severity of the infraction:

1. Verbal warning issued by a league/organization official. (Head Coach – to be filed with the board immediately.)
2. Written warning issued by a league/organization official and immediate removal from the practice/game. (Executive Board Member)
3. Suspension for 1 day or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league/organization official. (Executive Board Member)
4. Suspension, time to be determined, from both practice and games by a league/organization official. (Executive Board Member)
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by a league/organization. (Executive Board Member)

Chair City Lions Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form

I agree to the above code of conduct and the consequences if the code is violated.

Participant/ Coach

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date