## 2019 FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Fairfield County Football League requires that all participants (football players and cheerleaders) commit and adhere to the following Code of Conduct. FCFL believes in the three "S's" – Safety, Sportsmanship, and Scholarship and expects student participants to exhibit them both on and off the field. **Any** violation of the following Codes could result in disciplinary action by the Member Organization and/or the FCFL that may result in warnings or suspension. Always remember that the game of football will be an enjoyable, fun team sport only when you conduct yourself as follows:

- 1. I will attend all practices/games except for illness, bereavement, religious obligations or schoolwork and I will notify my coach immediately if I am unable to attend a scheduled practice/game. Unexcused absences from practices or games (non-participation in a significant portion of one or practice(s) may be grounds for penalty or suspension). Penalties may include game suspension(s) and possible dismissal from the team.
- 2. I will arrive to practices/games on time, prepared and ready to go. I will participate in each practice to the fullest extent of my ability.
- 3. I agree to conduct myself with dignity as a participant of FCFL football and as a citizen of the community.
- 4. I will be fully accountable for my behavior and its outcome. Individual discipline is the only way to maintain team safety. I understand that discipline problems will not be tolerated and could result in my being suspended or removed from the team.
- 5. I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without cheating or violence.
- 6. I will treat all participants including coaches and officials with respect and know that I too will be treated in the same manner.
- 7. I will not dispute or argue the decision of a coach or official.
- 8. I will not yell, taunt, or tease a teammate or opponent for any reason.
- 9. I will not use profane language or gestures.
- 10. I will avoid use of abusive drugs, steroids, alcohol and/or any other illegal substances, as they will impact my health and my performance on the field in a negative way.
- 11. I agree to put forth my best effort regardless of the outcome, always knowing that I gave 100%. This includes practice and applies to consistently finishing drills and exercises in preparation for other aspects of practice and / or games and in order to mitigate and prevent, to greatest extent possible, injury to myself and my teammates.
- 12. I will agree to maintain my studies and respect my teachers and counselors.

Participant's Printed Name

Signature

Date

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## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

The success of our youth football program requires a shared commitment among its coaches, players, cheerleaders, and parents as well as an acknowledgement and appreciation for the amount of time the coaches volunteer in order that so many children are able to participate in the program. Our program is intended to be a positive educational experience. Therefore, we ask you to pledge to be a positive role model for your child and others and to keep in mind that the coaches and board members are volunteers. The FCFL has always encouraged sportsmanship, responsibility, and good citizenship both on and off the field.

- 1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials.
- 2. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.
- 3. I will teach my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without violence.
- 4. I will never scorn or yell at any children for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 5. I will expect that my child's practices and games be held in a safe and healthy environment.
- 6. I will praise my child for giving his/her best effort regardless of the game outcome.
- 7. I will respect the coaches' time and ability and will not interfere with practices or games.
- 8. I will make every effort to ensure my child arrives to practices/games at the required time and I will notify the coaches immediately if my child is unable to attend a scheduled practice/game. In the event of unexcused absences from practices or games, I will accept the respective Coaches' decision regarding any discipline and / or suspension(s). I will arrange for prompt drop-offs and pick-ups. I understand and agree that if my child does not fully participate in practices and / or games to the extent my child is able to do so, then at the coaches' discretion my child may not be allowed to participate in the next practice and / or game as determined by the coaches.
- 9. I have the obligation to address any concerns that I may have at the time they occur with the Head Coach, member organization's President or FCFL President.
- 10. I will never enter any part of the playing field to film or take pictures at any time during a game. I will sit in the designated seating area during a game. If a designated area is not available, I will maintain a distance of at least 10 yards from the players.
- 11. I will volunteer (if at all possible) my time to assist my child's team when asked by either a coach or a team mom. This may include assisting with game day preparations; concession stands, writing newspaper articles, etc.
- 12. I agree to abide by the aforementioned Fairfield County Football League Parent Code of Conduct and acknowledge that any violation of the above guidelines may subject me to disciplinary actions by the FCFL or my participating member organization, which may include an oral or written warning or suspension from attendance at games and / or practices.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Signature

Date

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Signature

Date