

# Hudsonville Youth Football

## Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

These guidelines have been established to preserve the integrity of the Hudsonville Youth Football experience for our student-athletes. Parents, athletes, and coaches will be expected to follow these sportsmanship guidelines at all times. The guidelines are derived from the core principles of: respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. It is essential for parents, athletes, officials, and coaches to encourage youth to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by displaying the principles for all children and community members. Parents, athletes, and coaches should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their child/children participating in our league. I therefore agree:

### Coaches will:

- Help your athletes develop a positive self-image and promote respect for the rules, opponents, and officials.
- Discourage all types of disrespectful behavior, specifically prohibiting your players from engaging in taunting, trash talk, and other forms of intimidation.
- Encourage a constructive attitude toward competition and develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances.
- Provide an equal opportunity for all to learn skills, strategies, and enhance themselves physically.
- Build players up, not break them down, no degrading of athletes, opponents, and officials.

### Student-Athletes will:

- Develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances.
- Promote the rules of the games, the officials who administer the rule and their decisions.
- Respect opponents and acknowledge them for striving to do their best while you seek to do your best.
- Refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, specifically taunting, and intimidation.
- Look at athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, whether you win or lose.

### Parents will:

- Realize that athletics are part of life and the benefits of involvement go beyond the final score of the game.
- Encourage our athletes to perform their best and develop sense of dignity under all circumstances.
- Participate in positive cheers that encourage our youngsters and discourage any cheers that would redirect that focus, including those that taunt and intimidate opponents, their fans or officials.
- Learn, understand, and respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them and their decisions.
- Respect players, coaches, officials, rules, and support them as they strive to educate our youth.
- Parents will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless one of the official coaches of the team.

Failure to conform conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event will subject all to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal and written warning issued by a league.
2. Suspension or immediate ejection from the youth sporting event issued by a league board member, or who is authorized to issue such suspension.
3. Suspension from multiple youth events issued by a league or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension by a school board or youth sports organization.
4. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by a school board or youth sports organization.

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Athlete's Signature

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Parent's Signature

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Coach's Signature

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Date

*Please, Return this form to your child/children's coach during the first week of practice.*