

Newfane Youth Football and Cheerleading
Parent Code of Conduct
2008

Preamble:

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. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.” (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

I therefore agree as part of the Newfane Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization (NYFC):

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical weakness, disability and/or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others while under my direction for this particular sport.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. 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 at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, official and spectator with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one’s best are more important than winning, so that no child will ever feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make them feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or officials for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child vs. winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the official and their authority during games and will never confront official and or opposing coaches in a manner that demonstrates un-sportsmanship at the game.
16. 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.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach or have been asked to assist on a specific task by the head coach.
18. I will immediately bring forth any issues of concern to the appropriate official of the organization and will assist in maintaining a positive and nurturing environment for the sake of our children.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines as established by NYFC “Parents Corrective Action Policy,” I will be subject to disciplinary actions that could include, but is not limited to any one of the following:

1. Verbal warning by NYFC Board
2. Meeting with NYFC Board to discuss possible sanctions based on extent of violation or infraction
3. Game suspension
4. Season suspension from organization/league for remainder of current season
5. Permanent Suspension from organization/league

Signature

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