



# *Essex Chargers Youth Football*

## **Essex Youth Football League Player Code of Conduct**

Essex Youth Football Programs focus on the best interest of the youth who participate in the programs. Essex Youth Football strives to inspire the participants with the fundamental principles of teamwork and fair play, while having a focus on fun.

As a Player for the Essex Youth Football League, I agree to the following:

1. I am representing the Essex Youth Football League, the Essex Youth Football Chargers, and my community and I agree to act accordingly at all times.
2. I will learn and know the rules of the game and the policies of the Essex Youth Football League and shall support and uphold them always.
3. I understand that as a participant in the Essex Youth Football League program, I must respect my coaches, the game officials, and my teammates. I agree to be a positive role model for my teammates and will maintain my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
4. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and will refrain from their use at all games, exhibitions, practices, and events. I will never participate in any game or practice under the influence of drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
5. I will never swear, use profanity, or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time.
6. I will always have a positive attitude and I will refrain from making any inappropriate comments to my teammates for trying hard, playing fair, and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game and I will never criticize or yell at any teammate for making a mistake.
7. I understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. I will place the well being of my teammates above my personal desire to win. I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
8. I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play, and will encourage the same from my teammates and opponents.
9. I will treat my teammates in a fair and equal manner. I will stress that teamwork and being a team player are more important than individual goals.
10. I will maintain an open line of communication with my teammates, coaches and parents.

11. I will respect and take care of all of the equipment issued to me by the Essex Youth Football League.
12. I will respect my coaches, referees, game officials and their authority during every game. I will never dispute, challenge, excessively argue, or confront any referee or league official for their rulings at the field before, during or after the game. Whenever necessary, I will take time to calmly and rationally discuss any situation or call made during a game with my coach.
13. I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Essex Youth Football League and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the Essex Youth Football League that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Game Suspension
- Season Suspension
- Removal from the Program

In the event a situation arises which calls for interpretation or disciplinary action, the Essex Youth Football League Board will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, and the integrity of the game and the Essex Youth Football League. The Essex Youth Football League Board's decision will be final.

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Signature of Player

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Date

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Signature of Parent

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Date