



Code of Ethics - 2017

By accepting this Code of Ethics, you adhere and abide by the following waiver. Please take note, that you will also have to physically sign the document that will appear in your email upon full completion of registration to turn in prior to your child's participation

In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, Thomas Jefferson Youth Football has pledged to enforce a Code of Ethics that we hope will ensure the physical and emotional well being of all its participants. Our goal is to ensure that all of our participants thrive in an environment where respect, team, and positive relationships coincide.

Thomas Jefferson Youth Football recognizes the physical and aggressive nature of the game of football, and as such, we need recognize the need for control. As parents, coaches and role models it is our responsibility to lead by example. Therefore, all parents and coaches are responsible to read and sign this Code of Ethics and adhere by it. All participants who are deemed in violation of the Code of Ethics are subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the program. Parents who are found to be in violation may forfeit their child's right to participate in the program.

Such offenses that may warrant suspension or expulsion are as follows:

- 1) Abuse of game official coach, booster members, league officer, player, or spectator, whether it verbal or physical, including but not limited to swearing, violence, obscene gestures, and Other behaviors deemed inappropriate reported to Thomas Jefferson Youth Football.
- 2) Gross misconduct, including but not limited to fighting with an opposing player on or about playing fields of Thomas Jefferson Youth Football.
- 3) Intentional acts that result could result in bodily injury or emotional harm to any person on or about the playing fields of Thomas Jefferson Youth Football.

I/We pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for everyone participating in the Thomas Jefferson Youth Football program by following this Code Of Ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and event (home or away).
- As a parent or guardian, I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.

- I will insist that we play or practice in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials, so they can provide a positive experience.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free environment. I agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games, practices and events.
- I will treat players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- As a parent or guardian, I will not address my child's coach with a non-safety issue before, during or after a game or in front of a child. I will wait until I can approach the coach in a private setting.
- I will wait 24 hours after a game/practice before I contact my child's coach regarding any non-safety issue, such as play time or positions.
- With the exception of an emergency or in the role as an officially appointed volunteer, for example a Stick Holder, I understand that parents/guardians are NOT permitted on the field or sidelines during a game.
- I understand that taunting, jeering or foul language is specifically prohibited at ANY field or facility used by TJYFB (home or away).
- Badgering, derogatory behavior or fighting with a coach, player, cheerleader, spectator, referee or opposing team member is PROHIBITED and will result in immediate disciplinary sanctions.

We understand that coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, assistant coaches and TJYFB members during events, games and practices. A coach or board member may immediately eject ANY member from the facilities being used by TJYFB (home or away). Disciplinary action for violation of the Code of Ethics may include punitive sanctions, suspensions or dismissal.

I have read and agree to all terms and conditions above

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Sign Name: _____

Date: _____