

CODES OF ETHICS

Gorham Football Boosters has adopted Codes of Ethics for coaches, parents and participants. Common themes in those codes are:

- Our children come first; this program is for them, not the adults.
- We must provide a safe, positive environment for our children to learn about football.
- We will treat everyone with respect and provide positive role models for our children.
- Being a good student is as important as being a good athlete.
- Our children should have fun while they learn about the sports of football.
- Good Sportsmanship is essential in all that we do.

Ways in which we expect these values to be demonstrated include:

Children First

- Decisions will be made based on what's best for the children and their teams.
- All participants will have a chance to learn and to demonstrate their skills.
- All parents volunteer during the season for 2–3 hours at a couple of games.
- Parents participate in program fundraisers.

Safe, Positive Environment

- Participants are expected to make every effort to attend all practices. If you have to miss a practice, please let your coach know in advance. If injured, please plan to attend practice and listen unless directed to stay home by your doctor.
- Parent will ensure that participants arrive at the field on time with the necessary equipment for their sport.
- Parents, participants will not be dropped off any earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of practice and please be prompt picking them up.
- Any injuries sustained during practice or a game must be reported to the head coach immediately.
- Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, street drugs or non-prescribed drugs at the Narragansett facility by any coach, parent or participant will not be tolerated.
- Coaches, participants and parents/spectators must refrain from the use of offensive or abusive language while attending a football event.

Respect

- Coaches will recognize the developmental needs of the age group they work with and structure their program appropriately
- Parents will refrain from distracting their child(ren) when he or she is on the field (behind the ropes). They need to be paying attention to their coach. Please do not distract them with conversations or food.
- Participants will stay off the school playground equipment.
- Disagreements will be resolved in a mature, responsible manner that provides a good model for our children to follow.

Scholastics

- Children will be encouraged by coaches and parents to put school first.

Have Fun!

- We will celebrate the end of each season & all participants will be rewarded for their efforts.

Good Sportsmanship

- All participants and attendees at Gorham Football Booster events will abide by the SMYFL criteria for good sportsmanship

SMYFL Sportsmanship Criteria

Good Sportsmanship will be demonstrated when:

COACHES

1. Respect Officials judgment
2. Treat opposing coach(es) with respect
3. Greet opposing coach; offer water; direct to appropriate sideline and end zone
4. Shake hands with opposing coach in view of public
5. Show no behavior that could incite fans

PLAYERS

1. Treat opponent with respect
2. Shake hands with opponent whether win or lose
3. Show no signs of outwardly behavior towards Official's judgment
4. Play hard, but play within the rules
5. Represent the organization with pride and respect as it is a privilege to represent their school and community

PARENTS AND FANS

1. Demonstrate good behavior before and after games
2. Respect the judgment of Officials
3. Show compassion for an injured player
4. Applaud positive performance
5. Do not heckle, jeer or distract players; avoid using profane language and behavior
6. Respect other fans, coaches, directors and players

SPIRIT GROUPS

1. Use only positive cheers, signs and praise
2. Avoid antagonizing or demeaning opponents
3. Accept decision of Officials
4. Shake hands with opposing teams
5. Maintain enthusiasm and composure serving as a positive role model
6. Cheer at proper times

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RESOLVING ISSUES

If a question or issue arises, the first step should always be to discuss the matter directly with the individual involved. If a coach is involved, you can contact a board member to assist in discussions. If your initial conversation does not resolve the situation, we have established a procedure for working towards resolution of issues. Copies of our Grievance Procedure are available from any Board member.