

Player's Name: _____ Sport: _____ Team: _____

Fowlerville Youth Parents Sportsmanship Pledge

In my words and actions, I pledge to:

1. I will show respect for all involved and not make negative comments about the game, coaches, players, opponents, spectators, or officials.
2. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, player, referee or spectator.
3. I will not encourage my child, or any other person to engage in verbal or physical threats that are aimed toward any player, spectator, referee, coach, or anyone.
4. I will respect and accept the decisions made by the referee.
5. I will not attend any athletic event while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. I will maintain my composure at all times.
7. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the participants ahead of my desire for my team to win, **remembering that the goal of sports is for the enjoyment of the children participating.**
8. **24-HOUR RULE:** I will not approach the head coach or assistant coach immediately following a game to discuss my child's playing time and/or other concerns I may have. I will wait until the following day when the emotions of the game have settled and will make every effort to call the coaches prior to practice or the next game if I have concerns. I will not be confrontational and will speak with the coach away from the players about my concerns or questions.
9. I will help create a positive experience for the players by being a respectable and supportive fan.
10. **I understand that I am responsible for conveying expected behavior to those whom attend games or practices for my child. Any disciplinary action taken toward my guest may be extend to myself as well.**
11. I will do my best to get my child to practices and games on time. If my child will be late or is unable to attend, I will give my coach as much advanced notice as possible so they can plan accordingly, with the understanding that play time may be affected.
12. I will do my best to pick up my player on time from practices or games. I understand that if my player is repeatedly picked up late this may affect their ability to participate.
13. I will do my best to ensure that all of my communications with teammates and other members of the Fowlerville Recreation Sports Community are kind and respectful and I will not engage in any negative comments through digital media (computers, cell phones, Facebook, etc.) in regards to the game, coaches, players, opponents, spectators, officials, site coordinators, or Recreation Department.

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14. I will familiarize myself with the rules of the game, so that I may have a better understanding (not to question) of the complexity of the game, the calls of the officials and decisions by the coaches.

In the event of student discipline wherein the student is prohibited from school grounds, it is the expectation of the Recreation Department that parents/guardians will comply with the issued discipline. The Recreation Department will refer any reports of violation to the student's building administrator. Violation of suspension generally results in the school increasing the duration of the suspension and could result in referral to the Board Discipline Committee.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the above code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- **Verbal warning by an official, head coach and/or league or community directors and/or organizers.**
- **Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the Fowlerville Recreation Department.**
- **Season suspension**

Consequences of Behavior

At any event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, or spectator, site coordinator, or Recreation Department will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this code of conduct may be banned from all events for the remainder of that season and any future season.

If a player, coach or spectator is ejected from a contest they will be suspended from the next contest. A second offense shall result in removal from the league for the remainder of the season. The host site is responsible to report this to the league. This shall be completed in 24 hours and turned in to the league director.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, player, participant or another spectator or anyone will be banned from everything. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatement. The advisory board may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct and agree to abide by this code of conduct and accept the consequences should I violate this code of conduct. I also understand that if I do not comply with the above conduct, I could face removal (as could my child) from the youth program.

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

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