

# **DANDRIDGE YOUTH FOOTBALL PARENT AND ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

Dandridge Youth Football welcomes you to our program. It is our goal for every athlete to enjoy the association with other members of the team, and learn as much as possible from our coaches.

Participation in our programs activities requires a high level of commitment, energy, and maturity. A higher standard of excellence is expected from athletes involved in these activities, as they represent our community to our neighbors, and other conference communities.

Good sportsmanship is expected at all Dandridge Youth Football events. Good sportsmanship is a responsibility of players, parents, coaches, team moms, cheerleaders, adult spectators, and officials. Promotion of good sportsmanship at Dandridge Youth Football events should include a demonstration of respect for participants and officials. All involved in a Dandridge Youth Football sponsored event should maintain self-control throughout the contest. Rules of the event should be understood and skill and performance should be recognized regardless of team affiliation. Good sportsmanship is the cornerstone of an athletic program.

## **DANDRIDGE YOUTH FOOTBALL CITIZENSHIP POLICY**

Good sportsmanship and proper conduct are behaviors that are learned by engaging with others, modeling good behavior, and proper coaching. It is the responsibility of the coaches, parents, and the community at large to create a climate that fosters the development of these behaviors. This is accomplished by encouraging and modeling positive and appropriate behavior within the sporting environment, while at the same time striving for excellence.

## **Parents**

Parents of student athletes in any sport, must read, agree to, sign, and abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating support for all athletes, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or event.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of student athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Support coaches, players, fans, and officials in providing a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- Discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of others.
- Treat other players, parents, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, refraining from verbal indignities.
- Teach the student athlete to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts with civility, without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and do not question, discuss, or confront coaches, board members, and officials at the game site.
- Discuss any issues or concerns with the coach or administration at an agreed time and place.
- Help ensure that the sport is enjoyable for the athlete and remember that the game is for the athlete and not for the adults.
- Support a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free sports environment for the athlete and refrain from use of such at all events.

## Athletes

The Code of Conduct establishes high expectations and standards for all athletes. These expectations embody a total lifestyle approach with emphasis on respect for self, others, and property; loyalty to self, teammates, coaches, and team; support for the ideas of true sportsmanship; and a proactive and positive approach to prevention and assistance. Parents and/or Guardians of athletes who choose to participate in Dandridge Youth Football must read, agree to, sign on the athlete's behalf, and have them abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating support for all athletes, coaches, spectators and officials at every game, practice, or event.
- Support coaches and officials in providing a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- Discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of teammates.
- Treat other players, parents, coaches, fans, and officials with respect and refrain from verbal indignities.
- Play by the rules and resolve conflicts with civility without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and do not question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game site.
- Discuss any issues or concerns with the coach at an agreed upon time and place.

### Consequences for Violation of the Code of Conduct:

Parent/Spectator Consequences: Could be a meeting with the Dandridge Youth Football Board, suspension from attending games and/or practices, or dismissal of their child from the team.

Athlete Consequences: could be extra activities as assigned by the coach, suspension from games and/or practices, and dismissal from the team.

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**I have read and understand the Dandridge Youth Football Code of Conduct. By signing this form, I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as well as the possible punishments for violation expectations as outlined in the Code.**

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