

Seneca Valley Junior Football Association PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS

Dear Parents:

At SVJFAC we strive to teach not only the skills necessary for your children to become better football players and cheerleaders but to also always show good sportsmanship and respect to their coaches, parents, teachers, game officials and fellow athletes whether they be on the same team or opposing teams. With that in mind we are requiring that all parents sign the attached Parents' Code of Ethics. Each parent must at all times demonstrate appropriate behavior. Please note that our bylaws contain provisions requiring adherence to these Code of Ethics and appropriate action will be taken against any member not upholding these standards at all times.

We ask that all parents demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game practice and event. These games are about providing children with an opportunity to learn the sports of football and cheerleading, not for the parent's personal desire to win. These games are for the children, not for the adults. This can be achieved by providing support for all coaches, officials, other parents and other children involved in these activities.

We ask that you let your children's coaches be their coaches and you be their parent. If you see something occurring on the field in a way that you disagree with, please address that with your child's coach in a private setting after waiting 24 hours (unless it involves a safety issue). We also ask that you do not approach your child's coach before, during or after a game (again, unless it involves a safety issue). The coach has an important job to do, coaching all of the players on their team/squad. If there is something that you do not agree with, or are disgruntled about, we ask that you wait 24 hours before you address the issue. This way the emotions can be taken out of the equation and the field is not a place for these discussions. The protocol for a player that wants to know why they are not playing as much as others or not playing enough at a position, etc is that the player must approach the Coach first. This is a very critical learning experience for players on how to communicate not only with adults, but their Coaches throughout their career.

We further ask that all parents refrain from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco during any SVJFAC sponsored athletic event including games, practices, scrimmages and cheer competitions. An finally we ask that you volunteer in as many ways as you can. SVJFAC is a completely volunteer run organization and we have many individuals who volunteer hundreds of hours so that your child can enjoy the sports of football and cheerleading. Please do you part as well.

Thank you,
The SVJFAC Executive Board

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I Hereby Pledge To Provide Positive Support, Care and Encouragement For My Child Participating In Seneca Valley Junior Football Association 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.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games, practices and events.
- I will remember the game is for the children and not for the adults.
- I will do my best to make Seneca Valley Junior Football Association fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability as will I.
- I will not address my child's coach with a non-safety issue on the field before or after a game or in front of my child or other children. I will wait until I can approach the coach in a private setting.
- I will wait 24 hours before I contact my child's coach regarding any non- safety issue such as play time and/or positions and I will only contact my child's coach if my child has already addressed the issue with the coach.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the Seneca Valley Junior Football Association experience within my personal constraints by volunteering, being a respectable fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

Parent Signature date

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