

JEFFERSON COUNTY MIDGET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Youth Tackle Football Program

Parent's Code of Ethics

SWEATDOWNS:

JMFA is opposed to sweating a child down to make weight. It is unhealthy for a child to lose significant body weight. Patch limits are in place to protect the smaller children from injury due to significant weight differentials. To discourage coaches and parents from sweating down a child each coach will be given 3 player challenges per season. A challenge must be filed prior to a game and if the player in question plays in the backfield and is determined by re-weigh to be over more than 10% over their weigh-in weight the game will be forfeited. If a challenge is filed the player in question will be re-weighed by a county official and will be given no more than 24 hour notice of re-weigh. Time and place of re-weigh will be determined by the county official. A player who does not comply will be automatically patched. Any player found to weigh 10% over their weigh-in weight and over the weight limit in their age group will be patched for the remainder of the season.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics Pledge

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win. I will be in control of my emotions.
- I will remain in the spectator area during competitions.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will not advise the coach on how to do the job.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will not drink alcohol at a contest or come to one having drunk too much.
- I will remember that the game is for our youth -not adults. Participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right. Please show respect for all participants at all times.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child. I will not instruct him to harm any other participants knowingly.
- I will not coach my child during the contest.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability .I will not make insulting comments to players, parents, officials, or coaches of either team.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches Code of Ethics.
- I will thank coaches, officials, and other volunteers who have conducted the event.
- **I understand that my responsibilities include setting an example for children and that any breach of those responsibilities will result in my inability to attend games or practices if deemed necessary by the program coordinators.**

JMFA CODE OF CONDUCT: Each team shall be responsible for keeping the spectators orderly and off the playing field and behind the spectator's boundary. Shouting abusive language at a player, officials, or spectators is strictly prohibited, and a violation shall result in the enforcement of the high school rules. At the immediate time of any incident or physical abuse of an official by any spectator, the officials will meet with the head coaches of both teams in order that every effort is made to identify the assailant. Physical abuse of an official by a coach, parent, or spectator will result in suspension of the coach, parent, or spectator from all JMFA activities for the entire calendar year or 365 days, commencing with the date of the infraction.

EJECTION: Any player, coach (head or assistant), parent, or spectator who is ejected from a game by the officials, or causes a game to be forfeited due to unsportsmanlike conduct will automatically be suspended for the next game (scheduled, playoff, or carnation bowl) on the first offence. A second such offence will cause such player, coach, parent, or spectator to be automatically suspended for the remainder of the season (playoffs and bowl games included). Any flagrant offence is cause for automatic removal from all JMFA football activities. No reimbursement will be given.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Name of Coach: _____

Division: _____