



Monroe Woodbury Youth Football

Orange County Youth Football & Cheer League



Chester - Cornwall - Goshen - Highland - Highland Falls - Kingston - Marlboro - Middletown - Minisink Valley
Monroe-Woodbury - Monticello - Newburgh - Newburgh (City) - New Paltz - Pine Bush - Port Jervis
Valley Central - Wallkill - Warwick - Washingtonville

Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these values.

I therefore agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the League.
5. I, and my guests, will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place after a 24-hour waiting period.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events including practices.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the afore mentioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of League organization.
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by organizations involved.
- Game forfeit through the official or coach.
- Parental season suspension.
- Player season suspension.

Any physical contact made by one person on another person at any OCYFL event will result in an immediate suspension pending an investigation by the board. Assault will be defined as a punch, kick, slap, spit or any physical contact upon another person.

Parents' Rules & Expectations

- I understand that my attitude can influence my child and spectators and therefore agree to not engage in a derogatory manor.
- I will lead by example and teach the importance of respect to my child and treat all coaches with equal respect and dignity.
- I will always display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward referees, coaches and affiliates of the OCYFL & MWYFCL.
- I agree difference of opinions may arise on the field during practice or games. The MWYFCL has a 24-hour rule to ensure that any such issues will be respectfully discussed after said waiting period.
- I will never allow a situation to escalate in front of children or parents. I will contact the MWYFCL Executive Board via the parent portal at www.monroefootball.com. This forum will help ensure all complaints are documented and accounted for. If a resolution cannot be reached in this manner, an off-field discussion will take place with the Executive Board of Directors to arbitrate and reach an amicable outcome.
- Any parent/guest that is unable to maintain self-control during any MWYFCL gathering will be issued a warning. If said behavior continues a representative of the MWYFCL will ask you to leave the grounds immediately. Failure to do so may result in the team's forfeiture of the game. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.
- I agree to refrain from using social media as an avenue to bash or question the integrity of the MWYFCL. Any personal issues I may have with the League will be handled via the parent portal tracking system.
- Coaches have the final say on position placement. Parent coercion regarding player placement will not be tolerated. Game & playtime rules will default to the appropriate divisional guidelines as outlined by the OCYFL.
- If my child is unable to attend a practice or a game, I will notify the Head Coach and/or team parent of my child's absence. I understand and accept that my child may sit out from game participation if practices are missed and coaches feel that my child is not prepared to play in a game situation. As always, your child's safety is paramount.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to stay off both the practice and game fields. An appropriate area will be designated for parents and spectators. This is necessary for both player & spectator safety and to minimize player and coaching distractions.
- I agree to have the MWYFCL player safety coach attend to the needs of my child during practice or a game if the need arises.
- In the event my child refuses to participate in the game, he/she will be asked to remove their helmet and the team parent and or assistant coach will attempt to make you aware of the situation. A child will not be forced to participate if they refuse. This could impact their minimum plays required by the OCYFL.
- The coaching staff will go over the parent/player expectations and review the parent code of conduct (1st week of official practice). This includes but is not limited to; practice days & times, rules and game day consequences for unannounced missed practices, minimum number of practices & player behavior.
- I understand my child will be captured in photos on the game and practice field, I agree to allow MWYFCL to post photos to their social media and website.

Parent Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Print Name _____

Childs Name _____

Date _____

Parent Email Address

Parent Cell Phone #

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Note: Any parent not following the MWYFC/OCYFL Rules or the Parent's Code of Conduct is subject to review before the MWYFC Executive Board of Directors. Anyone found in violation is subject to removal from the Orange County Youth Football League. The Board has final say on all matters of coaching personnel in the MWYFC/OCYFL.