

## Parents Code of Conduct

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my team participating in Illinois Youth Football League by following this Parents Code of Conduct pledge:**

1. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a football coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, Coaches, Officials, Board Members, and Staff at a league sponsored event either at home or away.
3. I will encourage a balanced lifestyle between sport, education and other interest.
4. I will place the emotional, psychological, and physical well being of my child, and any other child in the league ahead of any personal desires I may have.
5. I will insist that my child participates in a safe and healthy environment.
6. I will support all coaches, board members and others working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
7. I will accept that striving to win is more important than winning itself.
8. I will remember that the League is for the youth and—not for adults.
9. I will ask my child to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents and spectators, with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
10. I will along with any guest of mine refrain from any all-vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures while participating in, or watching any league sponsor event whether at home or away.
11. I will direct all my comments and criticisms of parents, participants, officials, board members away from the children participating in the league, and conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when doing so.
12. I will respect the Illinois Youth Football League rules and regulations, and agree to abide by those rules, responsibilities and Code of Conduct. Violations of these rules could result in disciplinary action up to and including permanent dismissal from the IYFL.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** In order to participate in the Illinois Youth Football League, this form must be signed and dated. Failure of the parent to read and sign the Parents Code of Conduct will automatically render the parent ineligible to participate in League activities home or away. In addition, by signing this code of Conduct pledge, parents agree to abide by the guidelines set forth above, and to conduct themselves in the appropriate manner. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct, or violation of any of the guidelines set forth above, will automatically render the parent unable to participation or attend any league-sponsored event either home or away. Illinois Youth Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.