

MANDAN TOUCHDOWN CLUB

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYER

NAME _____

I hereby pledge to provide support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in The Mandan Touchdown Club by following this Parent's Code of Conduct for the upcoming football season. I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child in playing youth football.
2. I will remember that children participate for fun & that the game is for youth, not adults. The game is for my child, not myself.
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 refrain from coaching my child or other players during practices and games from the sideline, unless I am an official member of the coaching staff.
5. My guests and I will be positive role models for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and spectators at every practice, game, and MTC event.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will see that my child treats other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will emphasize skill development, and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have to win.
10. I will provide a sports environment free from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs by refraining the use at all games, practices, and MTC events.
11. I will learn the rules of the game and policies of the league.
12. My guests and I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, volunteer, or player such as booing or taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will remember that along with the children on the field, there are children on the sidelines that may be affected by my language or behavior.
13. I will not encourage any behavior or actions that endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials during a game and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will refrain from entering any off-limit areas, including practice fields, and coaching sidelines during game day, without prior consent from a board member.
16. I understand that coaches and board members are volunteering their time to make the MTC a success. I will treat them with courtesy and refrain from inappropriate language and behavior when speaking with them.
17. Conflicts with coaches, officials, board members, or other parents will first be addressed with the team coach or League President. Appeals or escalations, will then be made among the Board of Directors, which will have power of final authority on all matters.
18. I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules that 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 governing Board Member
 - Parental game expulsion and or suspension
 - Parental season suspension
 - Player game suspension
 - Player season suspension
 - In extreme circumstances, suspension from future MTC participation

PARENT SIGNATURE:_____

DATE:_____

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Suggestions for building healthy players:

1. Teach your child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that your child never feels defeated by the outcome of a game or by their performance.
2. Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make your child feel like a winner every time. Success should be measured by progress, not the score.

3. Never ridicule or yell at your child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
4. Never discuss observations in a negative manner with or around your child, as you may not always agree with the coach, official, or competing team on game days or practice. Be positive and constructive as you find solutions to your concerns.