



## **PARENT & FAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

The development of character, sportsmanship, and knowledge of their sport are the goals of any amateur sports program. Our children learn from our examples, and we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, and referees. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and spectators don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or non-verbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. The value of winning should never be placed above that of instilling the highest desirable ideals and character traits in our participants. Our program is bigger than any one player, coach, parent or spectator. With all that being said, White Bear Youth Football Association has established the following code of conduct for our parents:

- I will learn the White Bear Youth Football Association mission policies and rules of the game.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will support the coaches and players at all times. I will help teach the value of commitment to the team and help my child and White Bear Youth Football Association make the athletic contest a positive educational experience.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I understand that the referees are in charge of all games and their decisions are final. I will accept their decisions on the field as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- I understand that I am responsible for the behavior of all family members and friends attending the game.
- I understand that the use of profane language/swearing is prohibited at any White Bear Youth Football Association event.
- I understand that being under the influence of or using illegal drugs or alcohol during any White Bear Youth Football Association event is prohibited.
- I understand the use of tobacco products during any White Bear Youth Football Association event is prohibited.
- I understand that concealed weapons are prohibited at any White Bear Youth Football Association event.
- I understand that all fans must stay behind the designated spectator line during the game.
- I understand that spectators are not allowed on the players side of the field.

### **POLICY ENFORCEMENT**

1. Individuals observed violating any of the above will be given a verbal warning by either a game official or White Bear Youth Football Association Board Member and asked to stop the inappropriate behavior.
2. Individuals that continue the inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave Podvin Park, which encompasses the game fields, concession area and parking lot.
3. If an individual refuses to leave after being asked to do so, the police will be called to remove them.
4. Repeat offenses could result in additional sanctions as deemed necessary by the White Bear Youth Football Association Board of Directors. These could include, but are not limited to, suspension of the game until the individual leaves, banning the individual anywhere from a single game to the balance of the season or, in a worst case scenario, being banned permanently.