



Tonawanda Football Clinic

Parent Code of Conduct



We, The Tonawanda Football Clinic, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and can be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, in accordance to our current bylaws.

Preamble

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.

I therefore agree:

1. **I will** remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. **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.
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.
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. And I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
11. **I will** never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. **I will** emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
13. **I will** promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. **I will** respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

I understand as a parent or guardian of a player that I am responsible for my family, and friend's behavior while at Tonawanda Football Clinic activities. I understand that I should provide guidance to this Code of Conduct to family and friends that I invite. I have read and understand this code of conduct and have been given a copy of the Policies and Procedures of Tonawanda Football Clinic. I also understand that until I sign the Code of Conduct my child may not participate in games/practices.

Parent(s) Sign: _____

Parent(s) Print: _____

Date: _____