**Maple Grove Youth Football Association Code of Conduct**

Maple Grove Youth Football Association (MGYFA) believes that: participation in any sports program plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our youth. It is essential for MGYFA to provide a positive and enjoyable learning experience for youth, teaching sportsmanship, fair play, integrity, honor, respect, loyalty, personal courage, and dedication through the game of football. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of such statements and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. MGYFA has established this Code of Conduct and requires that you commit to be responsible for your words and actions while attending, or participating in all events and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

**Coach’s Code of Conduct**

**With regard to my players:**

1. I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in football.
2. I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
3. I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
4. I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
5. I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules set forth by MGYFA.
6. I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.

**With regard to opposing teams:**

1. I believe that the way my team conducts itself has an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.
2. I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
3. I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
4. Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will speak in a negative manner toward any member or spectator from the opposing team.
6. I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

**With regard to Referees:**

1. I believe that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
2. I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
3. I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
4. I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.
5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

**Other items:**

1. We expect you to create a FUN environment for the kids
2. We expect the kids to work hard and get better every day – they are having fun & working hard, we have accomplished our goal
3. We expect coaches to remain positive; it’s not all about winning
4. We expect constant communication with your parents – emails, website, phone calls, etc.
5. We expect teamwork and promotion of the ONE Crimson within your grade level

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referees, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Any coach showing this type of behavior shall be subject to disciplinary action as dictated by and at the discretion of the MGYFA and LMAA Board of Directors.

I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by MGYFA and LMAA which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or my rights to participate as a coach for Maple Grove Youth Football Association.

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