



Palmyra Midget Football Association's Parental Conduct Code

Message from the Board of Palmyra Youth Football and Cheerleading:

The Palmyra Midget Football Association is a volunteer organization that's sole purpose is to provide a wholesome environment for youth athletic competition and enjoyment. We will do our best to instill the challenge of competition, the joy of victory, the reality of defeat, and the importance of commitment and the spirit of the community. These goals will be achieved through our efforts to organize and garner the support of community volunteers, businesses, and government agencies to support of our goals. The PMFA is comprised entirely of volunteers and is Non-profit. Coaches, board members, and other volunteers spend hundreds of hours of their time in the off-season, as well as during the season, to provide a quality football and cheerleading program. Your support and involvement is critical to the success of our organization. Any desire to be more involved, regardless of the time or skill offered, is welcome. Any board member will be more than happy to help you become more involved.

As with any sport, overzealous parents decrease the enjoyment and positive experience we strive for the children and community. Please review the following rules concerning parental and participant conduct. Parents and participants are required to sign and return this contract prior to our first practice.

The Parent/Guardian Rules of Conduct

1. As a Parent I clearly understand the aim of PMFA is to teach children teamwork, good sportsmanship, fair play, and a love of football.
2. The possession and or use of any alcohol or drugs at practices and games are strictly prohibited.
3. Parents and spectators will stay in designated areas during practices and games. Parents are not allowed on the sidelines, playing field, or Player areas during games. At all home games, these areas are designated by the rope surrounding the field. All spectators must remain in the spectator's area.
4. At no time will I approach any child other than my own and take any type of verbal or physical disciplinary action.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct, uncontrollable emotions, foul language and derogatory statements towards game officials, coaches, players or opposing players will not be tolerated.
6. Youth football is played under current Lebanon Valley Midget Football rules.
7. **I will not pressure coaches to:**
 - A. Play my child at a certain position.
 - B. Alter their coaching style, strategy, technique, or philosophy.
8. **I will:**
 - A. Support the decision of my child's coach to play my child at any position the Coach deems appropriate.
 - B. Provide transportation and ensure that my child is on time for practice, games, and other team activities. I will also make sure they are picked up when the event is over and not be late.
 - C. Attempt to control negative behavior of my child as pointed out by their coach, board member, or league official.
 - D. Encourage my child to play any positions the coach recommends.
 - E. Ensure that my child's assigned practice and game equipment is cleaned regularly. Report any equipment problems immediately your child's head coach.
 - F. Ensure that participants wear all assigned equipment for all practices and games.
 - G. Understand that a "cool down period" is required by both parents and coaches following games. By understanding this I will refrain from approaching any coach immediately following a game's completion to discuss player's playtime, position, or play selection.
9. All grievances, problems, questions, and concerns are to be discussed with the Head Football Coach or an Executive Board Member, outside the presence of children and preferably accomplished off the premises in a personal meeting or telephone conversation. If a satisfactory outcome cannot be reached, it will be reviewed by the PMFA's Discretionary Review Committee.



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10. PMFA cannot be held responsible for the health and welfare of unattended children. Siblings of players and cheerleaders will not be supervised.

11. We, as parents/guardians, accept complete financial responsibility for our child's participation in the Palmyra Midget Football Association. This responsibility includes the payment of all fees assessed by PMFA and the timely return of all equipment and uniforms, fully cleaned, in condition of reasonable wear and use, and free from excessive damage. Equipment lost or stolen will be paid for at current market replacement costs.

12. I will respect team, board members, and league official's right NOT to communicate with me "on spur of the moment" about issues that may be potentially controversial, or, under the circumstances, not in the immediate best interests of the child participating.

As a parent or guardian I completely understand that any violation of the Parental Conduct Code's can result in a verbal or written warning. Subsequent violations will result in suspension of field privileges and non participation during practice or games. Any legal action required will be done so by the Head Football Coach or President of the PMFA.

Failure to comply with the PMFA's Parental Conduct Code can result in penalties for the team, game forfeiture and or a parent's physical removal from the game's venue. Players may also be suspended or dismissed from program at the discretion of the PMFA. The PMFA reserves the right to contact local law enforcement agencies to have anyone they feel is in violation of these guidelines removed from any PMFA event.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ___/___/2010

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