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SOUTHERN MARYLAND HAWKS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING *WHERE DOMINANCE & DISCIPLINE TAKES PLACE ON & OFF THE GRIDIRON*

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PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

I acknowledge that my primary responsibility is to help coaches feel secure that he/she can teach and lead their team/squad without unacceptable behavior from me, the parent. To satisfactorily meet this responsibility, I will:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not adults.
3. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. 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 sporting event.
5. 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 or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. 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.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and I will make my child feel like a winner every time they are at practice or playing in a game.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athlete 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.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at practices and games.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the SMYA.
17. I understand that it is the coaches' job to coach and run practice as they see fit, and I will not interfere.
18. I will refrain from standing near and/or around the bench during games.
19. I will ensure the return of all football and cheerleading equipment, uniforms, etc. at the end of the season.

I understand that by signing this Code of Conduct pledge, I (parent) agree to abide by the guidelines set forth above, and to conduct myself in the appropriate manner. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct, or violation of any of the guidelines set forth above, will automatically render the parent unable to participate or attend any league-sponsored events either home or away. SMYA has the sole right to enforce violations.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

DATE: _____