

JTA Player/ Parental Behavior Contract

Player/Parent Code of Conduct Participant's agreement to accept and abide by the rules of JTA. Players and Parents of players participating in the organization of JTA are required to follow the code of conduct as set forth by JTA. Players and Parents must exhibit the behavior that is representative of the JTA's goal of exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times. Thus, the following guidelines and rules shall apply for all activities:

PLAYER: *I hereby state that:*

1. I, as a player, will use every effort to be a positive member of my team and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
2. I will keep in mind that this is an extra-curricular activity and will keep my grades and behavior at an appropriate level so that I may participate.
3. I will attempt to attend and actively participate in every practice and event scheduled. If I cannot make it, I will inform my coaches as to why I am unable to attend.
4. I will practice and play to the best of my ability.
5. I recognize that I am playing a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits.
6. I will not criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach's decision, a referee's call or an opponent.
7. I will conduct myself in a respectable manner at practices and at games.
8. I will not attempt ever to deliberately injure another player.
9. I realize that failure to comply with the above regulations will result in loss of game time or suspension from athletic participation.

PARENT: *I hereby pledge to:*

- 1) I thoroughly understand the expectations as laid out herein.
- 2) In terms of discussing my child's performance, capability, development or issues- we recommend that these conversations transpire with the coach of the team. It is important that parent's refrain from talking about players on the team, other than their respective child.
- 3) The practice of any parent approaching a coach, referee or opposing team player or family before, during, or immediately following a game to voice a complaint is strictly forbidden. If I have an issue, there is a mandated 24 hours before reaching out to a coach or organization.
- 4) I will not question an official's call – I may not agree with the call, but it is not my job (or the player's or coach's either) to officiate the game. I accept that bad calls happen and move on. The coach will handle any player safety issues.
- 5) I will not make a scene in front of the team as it is embarrassing for my children, the coach, the team, the JTA, and me.

- 6) Youth Football is for the players. If I find myself I will becoming too emotionally involved in what is happening on the field, take a step back and relax. I will give the young players the freedom to express themselves.
- 7) I will be a cheerleader. Nothing is better for my child than having his/her parents on hand to watch and nothing is worse than hearing a parent booing, taunting, screaming or making comments at, or about, players, coaches, fans or officials (that includes my team as well as our opponent). Offer applause and cheers of encouragement for both teams following a good play or a great effort, otherwise I will keep quiet.
- 8) I will be responsible and get my child to practice and games on time with the necessary equipment. I will respect the team and the coach's rules and send the coach knowledge of absences in a timely manner.
- 9) I will set the example by showing respect, dignity, humility, and sportsmanship.
- 10) I will not coach from the spectator's side during matches and training. Chances are I do not know what the coach's tactics are for the game or any specific instructions they may have given my child. This type of behavior only confuses the players and can have a detrimental effect on the game and their development.
- 11) I should not criticize their child, or any child, during the game, leave this to the coaches since it may cause confusion and erode the player's confidence.
- 12) I will respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds as well as all our home facilities, this includes cleaning up after myself, my family and/or my pet.
- 13) JTA's fields prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances or weapons. I will extend this prohibition to all fields at which my players participate.
- 14) I will not criticize my child's coach to my child or other parents; if I am not happy with the coach, I should raise the issue with the coach. Solving issues as close to the source as possible is always the best policy.
- 15) I will help my son focus on the performance and not the result. I will avoid post-game analysis and will not analyze their performance following every game. If I do, chances are they will avoid talking to me after the game, get upset at the end of bad games or worse yet, not want me at games at all. I will let my child come to me for advice. This will have a larger impact.
- 16) Winning is not as important as performance. Put winning and losing in perspective. I will keep reminding my respective player about this reality and the need to deal with both outcomes. Humility in winning and losing is the goal.
- 17) I will not criticize the opponents, their parents, coaches, or the referee even if they are being confrontational.
- 18) I will not question the "coach's coaching" during or after practices or games. The same applies for questioning the referees during or after games. Positive and encouraging comments are welcome. Negative comments or detrimental comments directed at coaches, players, referees, or other spectators are not acceptable. Seeking to learn is acceptable but needs to be done at the appropriate time.
- 19) I will recognize that this is competitive Football. Playing time will not be guaranteed beyond INFC rules. My player will have to earn their playing time through practice,

performance, and attitude. If any of these items are missing it could affect playing time.

20) I understand Football should be a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sport environment and parents agree to assist by refraining from their use in the playing facilities.

21) I will see that all the requested fees are paid in full before my child participates.

22) Serious infractions will result in the removal of the player from JTA.

JTA Parent Spectator Addendum

The JTA Program has a history of being the best, in providing a positive Sportsmanship Environment for our players. Our program is bigger than any one player, coach or spectator.

- 1) Parents and their guests will encourage members of both teams.
- 2) Parents and their guests will keep all comments positive.
- 3) Only players and coaches are allowed on field, no exceptions.
- 4) Parents and their guests will leave the coaching to the coaches.
- 5) Parents and their guests will refrain from criticizing the officials, coaches and opponents will not be tolerated at all. The same goes for abusive language or cursing. This is youth sports, everyone makes mistakes, referees do too.
- 6) You are responsible for all family members and friends attending the games to watch my child.
- 7) No open alcoholic beverages on fields or parking areas.
- 8) Help make this a positive and fun experience for all.
- 9) Report any violations to head coach or board member, get involved.
- 10) Playing Time is not to be discussed with any coach unless the player plays less than the minimum and then only by phone at least 2 hours after the game has concluded.

Enforcement:

- 1) Individuals will be given one warning for inappropriate activity.
- 2) Individuals that continue; will be asked to leave the fields and the player will be removed from the game until the spectator has left.
- 3) Other sanctions as deemed necessary by the board may be enforced, including permanent ban.
- 4) All decisions are final, there will be no hearing or appeals.

Player signature _____ *Date:* _____

Parent signature _____ *Parent signature* _____

BOTH Parents please sign