**Alexandria Titans Football Coaches, Parents/Guardians and Players**

**Code of Conduct**

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football has implemented the following Code of Conduct, for the principles that it holds for parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers, and players who participate in and support Alexandria Titans Youth Football. All must read, understand and sign this form prior to participating.

Preamble:

* The mission of Alexandria Titans Youth Football is to provide the youth of Alexandria, VA the opportunity to participate in the sport of football in a fun, safe and competitive environment.
* Parents, coaches, volunteers and adult spectators are role models for children in attaining these goals.
* Winning is secondary to the primary goals of embracing the values and ideals of good sportsmanship and citizenship.
* All referees and the designated field commissioner have the authority at their discretion to eject from the field of play or the location of the practice or game any coach, player, or spectator for a violation of the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Code of Conduct and unsportsmanlike conduct. In addition, referees and the field commissioner have the authority to suspend play until such time as league officials can deal with unruly spectators.

General Rules of Conduct

1. Parents or guardians will not force their children to participate in sports.
2. Children participate to have fun; the game is for youth, not adults.
3. Parents or guardians will inform the coaches of any physical disability or ailment which may affect the safety of a child or the safety of others.
4. Parents, guardians, coaches and players will learn the rules of the game and policies of Alexandria Titans Youth Football and the Fairfax County Youth Football League.
5. Parents, guardians, coaches and players will abide by the rules and regulations of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, with respect to use of fields for purposes of play or practice and prohibition on consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
6. Parents, guardians, coaches and players will be role models and encourage good 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.
7. Parents, guardians, coaches and players will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or spectator, including, but not limited to: use of obscene or indecent language; verbal assault of a referee; physical touching or assault of any kind; booing or taunting; refusal to shake hands; profane gestures; and manipulation of game rules for the sole purpose of winning.
8. Parents will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question or confront coaches or umpires at the game field.
9. Parents will be responsible for the conduct of their guests.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not encourage any behavior or practice that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
2. I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to intimidation, hostility or violence.
3. I will treat all parents, guardians, coaches, players and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
4. I agree that doing ones best is more important than winning.
5. I will praise players and coaches for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at a player or coach for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will emphasize skill development and practices over winning. I will de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
8. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of players over any personal desire to win.
9. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
10. I will refrain from coaching players during game and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
11. I will abide by the final decision of the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Board of Directors on the consequences of any violation of the Code of Conduct, which may include multiple game suspensions in the event of repeat violations, or forfeiture of the privilege of attending games.
12. I will take responsibility for the conduct of my guests.

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Player Print Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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