

## 2021 VYFL ATHLETES and PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

All Athletes shall recognize that being a member of the community carries with it responsibilities and rewards and they shall not only embrace those responsibilities, but also conduct themselves both on and off the playing field/facility in a way that exhibits respect for others and themselves. All parents and guardians shall pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for their Athletes as well as VYFL staff and volunteers participating in the activities of Valley Youth Football League by following this Code of Conduct. All Parents and athletes must abide by our safety standards and commit to viewing all safety information pertaining to concussion and safety protocol as provided by the VYFL and its chapters.

All ATHLETES shall conduct them self with dignity as an athlete and as a citizen of the community, recognizing and accepting that they agree to:

1. Accept accountability for all behavior and its outcome.
2. Honor obligations and promises.
3. Exercise self-control.
4. Be willing to be fair with others in dealings on and off the playing field/facility.
5. Take pride in themselves and their accomplishments, but never at the expense of demeaning another person or group.
6. Respect the effort of others.
7. Respect authority.
8. Follow team rules.
9. Be honest.
10. Have the courage to do the right thing.
11. Demonstrate loyalty to family, friends and teammates.
12. Treat others with respect.
13. NOT use offensive language and taunting.
14. Use self-control and self-discipline.
15. Be accountable for all choices and actions.
16. Demonstrate reliability.
17. Exhibit supportive behavior and a positive attitude.
18. Adhere to all rules, policies and guidelines.
19. Respect authority and demonstrate cooperation.
20. Properly care for all equipment, uniforms, facilities and playing fields.

All PARENTS AND GUARDIANS shall conduct themselves with dignity as a citizen of the community, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
2. Place the emotional and physical well-being of their Athlete and the other Athletes ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. Support coaches and officials working with their Athlete, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
4. Demand a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and refrain from their use at all youth sports events
5. Do the very best to make youth sports fun, and remember that it is a game for youth.
6. Encourage their Athlete to treat other players, coaches, spectators, officials and others with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability
7. Promise to help their Athlete enjoy the youth sports experience in whatever way possible, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, volunteering as need or providing transportation.
8. Be accountable for guests' behavior they bring to a game, practice or other youth sports event.
9. Be honest and have the courage to do the right thing.
10. NOT use offensive language and taunting.
11. Use self-control and self-discipline.
12. Be accountable for all choices and actions.
13. Exhibit supportive behavior and a positive attitude.
14. Adhere to all rules, policies and guidelines.
15. Respect authority and demonstrate cooperation.
16. Properly care for all equipment, uniforms, facilities and playing fields.

We, the Athlete and Parent or Guardian, consent to follow the Code of Conduct as set forth by the Valley Youth Football League. We, the Athlete and Parent or Guardian acknowledge **social media bashing on individuals/league team sites, message boards, Facebook or valley youth football site will be NOT be tolerated. Any will result in removal of team/league.** The Athlete and Parent or Guardian agree to follow the rules and guidelines provided in this document as well as rules set forth by VYFL and NFHS. We, the Athlete and Parent or Guardian acknowledge that VYFL reserves the right to enforce disciplinary actions NOT limited to but can include: suspension, fines, disqualification of play, removal from VYFL events if there has been ANY violation of this agreement deemed by the VYFL. These actions can be taken against players, teams, chapters, as well as Parent/Guardians.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete Parent/Guardian Date

TEAM/DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_