

# Muhlenberg Township Athletic Association

## Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principals: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. By using these six pillars of character, we can achieve the highest form of equality in competition.

I as a parent therefore agree:

- I will not force my child to compete in any sport he/she does not wish to do.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I (and my guest) 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 other sporting event.
- I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, official, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 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.
- I will praise my child for giving 100%.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the coaches judgment and authority during practice and game time and will never question, discuss, or confront a coach at the practice or game field, and will take the time to speak to a coach at an agreed upon time and place with the commissioner.
- I will refrain from saying and doing things that could undermine the integrity of the organization to benefit myself or my child's progress due to my unhappiness, and will discuss any and all concern with the commissioner and a neutral board member at a specified place and time.
- I will refrain from the use of tobacco and alcoholic products during any practice or game where not allowed.
- All member parent(s) are required to work one game or event at the concession, fan ware, or chain crew. Any member parent(s) that does not show for his/her volunteered timeslot or find a replacement, their child will not participate in the following game.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or commissioner.
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with the written documentation of the incident kept on file by parties involved.
- Game forfeit through the official or coach.
- Parental season suspension.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Player Code of Conduct

As a MTAA youth athlete, I agree to conduct myself with dignity as an athlete of Muhlenberg. I as a player I agree:

- I must be accountable for my behavior and its outcome.
- I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without cheating and fighting.
- I will treat other players, coaches, and officials with respect.
- I will not yell at or tease a teammate for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will not use profane language or gestures.
- I agree to put forth my best effort and regardless of the outcome, I know I gave 100%.
- I will agree to maintain my studies and respect my teachers and my counselors.
- I will listen to my parents and thank them for giving me the opportunity to participate in organized sports.

Signature of Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_