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PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

(Copy - Original signed during online registration)

The Marengo Union Junior Tackle Football Club (hereinafter, "The Club") is dedicated to promoting health, fitness, teamwork, academics, and good sportsmanship for all athletes and their coaches affiliated with The Club. All coaches and representatives for the Club are expected to maintain the highest standards in sportsmanship and to display these standards, for the benefit of the team and the sport of football and cheerleading. I understand the following Parent's Code of Conduct is an effort to build team unity, respect from others and to protect the well-being of the Club. I understand that failure to follow this code may result in immediate removal, written warning or suspension, from the "Club" and any other actions deemed appropriate by the Director of Coaching and the Board of Directors. If I refuse to sign this document my child/children will not be allowed to participate in The Club.

1. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all members of the Club.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will treat each athlete as an individual, remembering the vast range of emotional and physical development for each age group.
4. I will remember that I am a parent for the entire team and not a participant in the sport. I will remember that the Club and the sport are for the young athletes involved and not for the adults. I will remember that I am not just a parent for my child but for the whole club. I will respect any decision of the Head Coach.
5. I will not involve any children or adults in any dispute or complaint that does not directly involve them personally. It is understood the best policy is to discuss and resolve the problem directly with the person expressing the concern.
6. I will treat opposing teams, coaches, volunteers, and referees involved with the NIFC with the utmost respect at all times. I will control my actions and refrain from any verbal abuse toward others even if I feel things were not handled well with the opposing teams, coaches, and referees involved.
7. I agree that any disputes I may have with members of the coaching staff shall be handled in private, away from the athletes, spectators, and parents. Disputes of any kind shall be handled in a calm, rational and adult manner. Public outburst will not be tolerated and could result in immediate dismissal from the Club. I understand that I am prohibited from disputing game day decisions made by members of my child's coaching staff for a period of twenty-four hours to allow for an appropriate cooling off period for both parties.

8. I will remember that I am a representative of the Club and the sport of football. Any personal opinions voiced in a negative fashion against the Club, its athletes, coaches, and program to the media, other clubs, other parents, other coaches, and the public should be avoided.
9. I will not be involved in any drinking of alcohol on school property.
10. I will not smoke on school grounds or at other venues where smoking is prohibited.
11. I will do my best to become knowledgeable in the rules of football, the NIFC regulations, and interpretations.
12. I understand that any dispute I may have with referees, the NIFC, or other coaches shall be presented to the Coaches Panel of the Club. I will not take any verbal or written action without the prior approval of the Coaches Panel of the Club.
13. I understand that any actions toward my own son/daughter in practice or competition that is considered negative or abusive will not be tolerated by the Club. I will remember that my son/daughter or relative shall be treated in the same professional manner as the rest of the team members. Any actions in this manner can be considered immediate dismissal from the Club.
14. I will do my very best in presenting myself as a team parent.
15. I understand that I will be expected to get my child to and from practices in a timely fashion and make alternate arrangements for my child if I am unable to pick him/her up on time. Additionally, I understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of inclement weather conditions and ensure that my child has a ride home should practice need to be ended earlier.
16. I understand that any discussions with athletes, parents, or other coaches to recruit athletes away from the Club to build another club or team while I am a member are not allowed. My main focus should be on what the Club can provide and be supportive of the Club's activities but be respectful to other local clubs or team efforts in promoting football.
17. I understand that as a Parent I need to take an active role in club fundraisers.
18. I understand that the safeguarding of club information (i.e., children's ages, addresses, illnesses and medical conditions) is paramount and I will take extreme care to protect any confidential information regarding minors.
19. I understand that if I do not abide by this Parent's Code of Conduct I may forfeit my ability to participate in the Club.
20. I understand that by signing this Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct, it covers any and all of my players parents and/or guardians and I will encourage relatives and fans to abide by, as well.