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Code of Conduct

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Parents/Guardians/Spectators will...

- I will make certain my young athlete(s) respects ALL other players, coaches, officials, and spectators. This includes making certain my athlete(s) keep their hands to themselves and refrain from all forms of bullying.
- I will display good sportsmanship and team play at ALL times.
- I will follow the directions of the coaching staff.
- I will make every attempt to be on time and ready for ALL practices and games.
- I will respect ALL coaches, players, officials, and spectators.
- I (and my guest) will conduct myself responsibly at all practices, games, and events.
- I will remember that the game is about the players and NOT about the parents/guardians/spectators.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect at all times.
- I will discourage any behavior or actions that would endanger the health and well-being of any other player.
- I will never publicly ridicule or chastise my child, other players, coaches, or officials.
- I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any players, coaches, officials, parents, or spectators.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or any other players during practices or games unless I am asked to do so by the head coach or a board member.
- I will accept and teach my child to accept that not everyone can start a game.
- I understand and will teach my child that there is no guaranteed playing time or positions.
- I will always do my best to support and promote positive encouragement.
- I will wait 24 hours from the end of a game before approaching any coach with issues (this helps to prevent any unnecessary confrontation).

Players/Cheerleaders will...

- I will represent myself, my family, my team, and the Austintown Youth Football and Cheer organization with dignity and integrity at all times.
- I will play with pride and intensity no matter the circumstances of the game.
- I will support my teammates and maintain a positive attitude even if I am not in the starting lineup.
- I will be courteous and respectful of opponents and officials.
- I will be respectful to my teammates, coaches, and parents/guardians.
- I will not engage in any kind of bullying against my team, league, opposing teams/players, coaches, officials, or parents/guardians.
- I will refrain from any outbursts of anger, temper or poor sportsmanship.
- I will be properly and appropriately dressed for the participation on the field.
- I will be responsible for my own equipment and team equipment.
- I will be respectful and do no harm to any facilities that I use.
- I will never direct negative cheers or comment toward the opposing team.
- I will not use vulgar or offensive language, or gestures, regardless of the circumstances.

We, the undersigned, have read the attached Austintown Youth Football and Cheer organization Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its provisions.

Athlete name: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____