

SOUTH HOLLAND JETS

YOUTH ORGANIZATION



**CELEBRATING 47 SEASONS OF TEACHING LIFE LESSONS
THROUGH FOOTBALL & CHEER!**

2019

HANDBOOK

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A Letter from the President

Hello Jets Family,

It is time for football! On behalf of our volunteer board of directors, welcome to the 2019 Football and Cheer season. 2019 marks our 47th season of service to the families of South Holland and its surrounding communities, and we are grateful to you as a parent/guardian for allowing this organization to be a part of your family.

The South Holland Jets Youth Organization's purpose is to teach life lessons through football and cheer. Many of these lessons are consistent with what you as parents or guardians teach everyday – hard work, giving maximum effort, teamwork, responsibility, dealing with adversity, punctuality, consistency, good sportsmanship/manners, and a respect for community are some of the more common ones. Though the language of football and cheer are used to teach many of these lessons, we also have a very clear and focused emphasis on educational excellence. The organization understands that in order to be an athlete at the youth, high school or college level, you must be a student FIRST. ***We will continue to emphasize that excellence in education should be every participant's #1 priority both formally through our Jets Scholars program as well as informally throughout the organization.***

We are dedicated to striving for 100% certification for our Football and Cheerleading coaches. We believe that our coaches have to continue to educate themselves about new coaching techniques in order to deliver the best on field experience for our families. Off the field we have upgraded our social media outlets to include a comprehensive website that keeps us connected to internal and external news and events. We are also tracking the success of our alumni as they grow into young men and women, through high school, college and into their professional careers. It is now a normal thing to see or read about one of our own South Holland Jets Student Athletes excelling in their chosen activity, on or off the field. We always say “where there is a South Holland Jet, there is success!”

Our winning tradition will continue. Only two football teams in our league have had more championship appearances than the Jets. In 2015 we were crowned champions on 2 levels. In 2017, our Widgets were Super Bowl Runners Up. Our cheerleaders have most recently embarked on a very special accomplishment by becoming state champions on the varsity level (2013, 2014, and 2016) with other teams being finalists in the state competition!! They have also won various league championships on multiple levels. So as we embark upon the 2019 season please again accept my gratitude for allowing us to be a part of your family as you are a part of ours,” The South Holland Jets Family”. We welcome you and look forward to another successful season!

Sincerely,

Malik Jones
President

Welcome to the 2019 Season! Celebrating 47 years!

The South Holland Jets Youth Organization is excited to welcome all returning & new families. This handbook will provide you with vital information regarding the 2019 season so please keep it in a handy spot. Please also be sure to visit our website at: www.shjets.org.

South Holland Jets Mission Statement

Our goal is to develop well-rounded young men and women who learn not only the fundamentals of athletic competition, but also the importance of education and teamwork, in an enjoyable atmosphere favorable to developing sound minds, body and character. We practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness. Our program stresses learning valuable lessons far beyond the playing days, such as self-discipline, coordination, setting goals, and overcoming obstacles.

The South Holland Jets organization would not be successful without the continuous support of our community, our parents, our coaches and our Board of Directors. On behalf of the Board of Directors we again welcome you to the family.

South Holland Jets Board of Directors

The officers of our board of directors are known as the executive board and are as follows:

President	Malik Jones	(708) 439-2275
Vice President	Shanetta Davis	(773) 387-2382
Secretary	Kenya Stanford Alisia Marquez	(708) 846-6137 (630) 880-4830
Treasurer	LaTia Maxwell	(708) 673-7835
Public Relations	John Watson	(708) 214-1822
Athletic Director	Lee Roddy	(708) 539-6594

In addition, general board members are as follows:

Charlotte Anekwe	Frank Carey	Melvin Crawford
Myra Crowell	Tiffany Daniels	Shtoyree Davison
Lawrence Gaines	Bernadette Roddy	Michelle Tucker

Coaching Staff

Football Head Coaches

12/13/14 U (Varsity)	Cederic Cole	708-200-7955
Pee Wee D1 (JV)	Lawrence Gaines	708-516-1496
Junior Pee Wee (Pee Wee)	Lee Roddy	708-539-6594
Mighty Mite (Widget)	Ed Stewart	708-280-3722
Tiny Mite (Bantam)	Larry Driskell	708-370-1090

Cheer Head Coaches

Unlimited (Varsity)/Pee Wee D1 (JV)	*Charlotte Anekwe-Interim	708-527-5570
Jr. Pee Wee (Pee Wee)	Tashanna Price	708-769-1941
Mighty Mite (Widget)	*Charlotte Anekwe-Interim	708-527-5570

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration for the South Holland Jets Youth Organization opens in December each year in efforts to provide affordable payment options for our families. Registrations fees for the 2019 season are as follows:

Football

- 12/15/18 - 4/1/19 (Early Bird): \$199.00 + \$50.00 Fundraising Fee
- 4/2/19 - 7/1/19 (Regular): \$250.00 + \$50.00 Fundraising Fee

Cheer

- 12/15/18 - 4/1/19 (Early Bird): \$349 + \$50.00 Fundraising Fee
- 4/2/19 - 7/1/19 (Regular): \$400.00 + \$50.00 Fundraising Fee

**Please see the “Equipment” section to reference items included in registration fees.*

All balances are due by 7/1/19 to ensure adequate time for ordering. All outstanding balances must be resolved prior to uniform and equipment distribution.

Refunds

Registration fees are subject to 100% refund through 7/1/19. After 7/1/19, \$50.00 of registration fee is non-refundable. **After 8/3/19, registration fees are non-refundable.**

Families can complete the registration process and payments online at www.shjets.org. Any questions regarding registration or payment should be directed to Alisia Marquez or Kenya Stanford. ***No cash or checks will be accepted for registration payments.***

Communications

As we approach the start of the season, it is important that we are able to communicate with you! We offer several avenues for families to receive communication from the organization, including text messages!

Opt-In for text communications today! Text AllUsersleagues9532 to 84483 to receive text messages this season!

We also use the **GroupMe App** to communicate with families, per level. **Please keep an eye out for a GroupMe invitation in the upcoming weeks.**

Note: GroupMe is not required, but highly recommended. You will have the option to accept or decline.

JetWear

Represent the Jets in style! We have physical inventory as well as an online store available for JetWear purchase. More information will be communicated via all communication platforms.

WILL-COOK LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

The Will-Cook League consists of seven (7) area organizations, in the South Suburbs of Chicago and in Kankakee, IL. The Will-Cook League is under the Midwest Region of American Youth Football (AYF).

MANDATORY FOOTBALL WEIGH-INS

Weigh-in is a **mandatory** requirement of each football player to ensure that he is playing at the appropriate level. Please check the calendar for dates; times will be communicated by your son's head coach.

DIVISIONS OF PLAY	AGE CUT-OFF AS OF 7/31	STRIP WEIGHT + EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE
Tiny Mite (Bantam)	7 years old or younger	90 lbs. maximum
Mighty Mite (Widget)	9 years old and under	105 lbs. maximum
Junior Pee Wee (Pee Wee)	10 years old and under 11 Older Lighter	144 lbs. maximum 124 lbs. maximum
Pee Wee (Junior Varsity)	11 years old and under 12 Older Lighter	159 lbs. maximum 139 lbs. maximum
Unlimited (Varsity)	13-14 years old	UNLIMITED

(No Weekly Growth Allowance)

It is a MANDATORY league rule that new players have their ORIGINAL birth certificate with a raised seal and one-wallet size headshot photograph in order to weigh in. Players are not allowed to play unless they have met the above league requirements!

If a player does not meet the weight requirement for his playing level he may move one level up, however this decision will be based on the recommendation of the head coach. The head coach will take in consideration the player's age and experience playing football. The player's safety is our number one concern.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Participating in competition is not required. Parents have the ability to opt-out of competition. Please reference the Cheer Packet for the Competition Opt-Out Form. A cheerleader is eligible to try out for the competition team if she has met, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- Be good standing with the attendance policy
- Follow the cheer code of conduct
- Be actively enrolled in tumbling with the team
- Receive an INVITE TO COMPETE from the coaching staff

More details will be provided as competition season nears.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment and uniforms of the South Holland Jets Youth Organization are among our most valuable assets and we pride ourselves in being able to outfit our players and cheerleaders with the best, well-fitting, and safest equipment and uniforms available. It takes time and money to maintain these high standards. Please help us by taking care of your equipment and uniform. All equipment and uniforms should be cleaned throughout the season and upon their return at the end of the season. **If you fail to return all equipment and uniforms** issued at the end of the season, your daughter or son will not receive a banquet ticket or trophy and you **will be expected to pay for all missing or unreturned items.**

Note: All outstanding fees must be paid prior to uniform and equipment distribution.

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

Football equipment will be distributed per the schedule below. If you cannot make your designated time you must arrange an alternate time with your head coach. **The distribution of equipment will take place at the South Holland Jets Equipment Room located in the basement of the Public Works garage behind Village Hall at 16226 Wausau Avenue.**

A parent or guardian must be present in order for a player to receive equipment. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Football Equipment Distribution: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Equipment Room, 16226 Wausau Ave. South Holland, IL, 60473

Located directly behind Village Hall & next to the Customer Service Center. Equipment will be distributed on the following dates:

- July 10 & 11, 2019 12/13/14U and Pee Wee D1 (formerly Varsity & JV)
- July 12, 2019 Junior Pee Wee D1 (formerly Pee Wee)
- July 17, 2019 Mighty Mites and Tiny Mites (formerly Widget & Bantam)

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT

Listed below is the equipment that will be issued to all players for their use during the season:

- One (1) helmet with face mask and chin strap
- One (1) mouthpiece
- One (1) rib protector
- One (1) set of shoulder pads
- One (1) pair each of hip pads, thigh pads, knee pads, and one (1) tailbone pad
- One (1) girdle
- One (1) pair of practice pants
- One (1) home game jersey, one (1) away game jersey and one (1) pair of game pants
- Two (2) pair of socks; one (1) black, one (1) pink for Breast Cancer Month

As referenced earlier, all equipment must be returned at the end of the season or you will be billed for any missing items. This does not include the Unlimited football home jersey, which is included in your registration.

EACH PLAYER MUST SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:

- Athletic supporter with protective cup - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Water jug containing **ONLY WATER!!!** *Please mark your son's name on the container.*
- A practice jersey
- Football cleats

ANY EQUIPMENT/ UNIFORM THAT NEEDS REPAIR SHOULD BE REPORTED TO YOUR HEAD COACH IMMEDIATELY.

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT CLEANING

On game day, all players should be dressed neatly with clean uniforms and matching socks. **All equipment and uniforms should be returned clean at the end of the season.**

- **Helmets:** Clean helmets with a damp cloth or sponge. Please do not use abrasive cleaners on the helmets.
- **Pants:** Practice and game pants should **never** be washed with bleach. Using bleach breaks down the fabric and causes pants to tear easier. Soaking pants in a water softener such as Calgon helps remove dirt and grass stains easier. A scrub brush along with Fels Naphtha bar soap also helps clean the pants.
- **Jerseys:** **Never** use bleach. Wash regularly and either lay flat to dry or hang dry. Please **DO NOT** place the jersey in the dryer.
- **Pads:** Shoulder pads require no cleaning. Hip pads, thigh pads, knee pads, and tailbone pad can be cleaned with a damp cloth or sponge; do not use any abrasive cleaners.

CHEER UNIFORMS

Cheer uniforms consist of the following items:

- One (1) shell top w/Jets logo (provided by Jets for use during the season only)
- One (1) skirt (provided by Jets for use during the season only.)

The shell top and skirt are for your use during the season and must be clean when returned at the end of the season.

- All white cheer shoes
- One (1) warm-up (includes jacket and pant)
- Practice Wear - includes four (4) shirts and three (3) pair of shorts
- One (1) bow
- One (1) pair of socks
- One (1) crop top & one (1) brief
- Competition Wear
- Accessory Kit (ear warmers & gloves)

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CHEERLEADING PACKET.

***ANY UNIFORM THAT NEEDS REPAIR
SHOULD BE REPORTED TO YOUR COACH IMMEDIATELY.***

PRACTICES

Practices take place at Thornwood High School on the football practice fields, which are located on the east & southeast sides of the school. Each week, practices are different. New skills are learned, and problem areas are corrected. Your daughter or son will be at a disadvantage by not attending practice regularly and punctually. **Therefore it is essential that your daughter or son is in attendance at all practices and games.** *Please coordinate all absences with their head coaches.* Players/cheerleaders typically will receive season updates and announcements on Thursdays.

- ***ALL CARS MUST PARK IN THE PARKING LOTS FOR BOTH PRACTICES AND GAMES!***
- ***IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON IS PICKED UP FROM PRACTICE ON TIME.***
- ***SIBLINGS THAT ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE JETS PROGRAM ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PRACTICE FIELDS UNSUPERVISED.***

CHEERLEADING PRACTICES:

Practices are Monday through Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm until after the first **regular season game**, after which practices will move to Tuesday through Thursday.

FOOTBALL PRACTICES:

Practices are Monday through Friday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm until after the first regular season game, after which practices will move to four (4) days a week. Coaches for each level will communicate their respective practice days to parents at that time. The Tiny Mites, Mighty Mites and Jr. Pee Wees will practice on the football field next to the tennis courts; Pee Wee D1 and Unlimited will practice just north of the football stadium.

WATER IS NEEDED AT EVERY PRACTICE. Please make sure that your child has sufficient amounts of **WATER**. We ask for **WATER** only and **NO FLAVORED DRINKS**

GAMES

All **home games** are played at Thornwood High School, located at 17101 South Park Ave. in South Holland. Parents are responsible for transporting players and cheerleaders to both home and away games. A game schedule and driving directions have been provided in this handbook.

All Cars Must Park in the Parking Lots for Both Practices and Games. *On game days, the U-Haul truck for concessions, the Jet wear vehicle, and the DJ vehicle are the only 3 vehicles permitted to park inside the gate.*

Away games will require additional travel time. All game times and location will be confirmed in writing prior to each game. It is important for players to keep track of all personal belongings including their uniforms and equipment. Remember you are financially responsible for any lost equipment or uniforms.

In addition to home and away games there may be **scrimmages** (informal practice games against other teams) scheduled in lieu of practice. When this occurs written communication will be provided.

GAME TIME

Typically football players and cheerleaders are required to arrive to the game one-hour before game-time, however, your son or daughter's coach will communicate the time in which the team is required to arrive at the game. Game start-times begin at 10:00 am for the Tiny Mite's (formerly Bantams), unless informed otherwise. The other levels' start-times will vary, with each game beginning after one ends. The game order is as follows: Tiny Mites (formerly Bantams), Mighty Mites (formerly Widgets), Junior Pee Wee D1 (formerly Pee Wee), Pee Wee D1 (formerly Junior Varsity) and 12/13/14U (formerly Varsity).

PARENTS

Parents are vital to the success of the team. It is essential that board members, coaches and parents work as one. Please keep the coaches informed about any issues that may involve your daughter or son. If she or he has been sick, taking medication, having trouble at school or experiencing emotional trauma please make sure the coaches are made aware of the issue as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES

Parents and coaches must communicate with mutual respect. **Parents and coaches reserve the right to postpone conversations that are getting out of hand. ESCALATED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND COACHES SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF THE PLAYERS, AND IF SO ARE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Please refer to the Codes of Conduct and the Discipline and Arbitration process, both of which are addressed later in this handbook.**

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

July

- 9 2019 Orientation 6pm @ Thornwood High School
- 10 & 11 12/13/14U/Pee Wee D1 FB Equipment Pick-up 6 - 8pm Equipment Room
- 12 Junior Pee Wee FB Equipment Pick-up 6 - 8pm Equipment Room
- 17 Tiny Mite/Mighty Mite FB Equipment Pick-up 6 - 8pm Equipment Room
- 15 Football and Cheer Practice Begins 6-8pm Thornwood Practice Fields
- 15-19 Football Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45pm) Once weekly per team
- 16 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Centers * Board Members Only!
- 22-26 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45pm) Once weekly per team
- 7/29-8/2 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45pm) Once weekly per team
- TBA Cheerleading Uniform Pick-up

August

- TBA Cheerleading Uniform Pick-up
- 3 Football Weigh-In (Mandatory) @ Thornwood - 9am
- 5-9 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 6 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Center * Board Members Only!
- 10 South Holland Jets Picnic @ 12p - Location TBD
- 12-16 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 18 Crossover Game - TBD
- 19-23 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 20 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Center * Board Members Only!
- 25 **Eastside Bulldogs @ South Holland Jets/Picture Day (Times TBD)**
- 26 No Monday Practice (rest of the season)
- 27-30 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team

September

- 1 **South Holland Jets @ Kankakee Colts**
- 3-6 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 3 Mid - Year **Open Board Meeting** 8-10pm SH Community Center
- 8 **South Holland Jets @ Country Club Cougars**
- 10-13 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 14 Chicago Classic @ Soldier Field
- 14 Heritage Haul 5K/10K/Kids Dash/Half-Marathon/15-mile bike ride
- 15 **South Holland Jets @ Hazelcrest Mustangs**
- 17-20 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 17 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Center * Board Members Only!
- 20 Jammin' With The Jets Adult Social
- 22 **HOMECOMING GAME: University Park Lions @ South Holland Jets**
- 24-27 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
- 29 **South Holland Jets @ Chicago Cowboys**

October

- 1-4 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
1 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Center * Board Members Only!
6 **Park Forest Hurricanes @ South Holland Jets**
8-11 Football/Cheer Parent Meeting (End of Practice 7:45p/8:05p) Once weekly per team
12-13 **PLAYOFF TBD**
15 Board Meeting 8-10pm SH Community Center * Board Members Only!
19-20 **PLAYOFF TBD**
27 **SUPERBOWL @ University Park Lions**

November

- TBD Equipment Return - All Levels & Banquet Ticket Sales
5 **Year End Open Board Meeting**

December

- TBD **Awards Banquet**
TBD **Executive Board Meeting**
TBD Special Board Year-End Meeting

**SOUTH HOLLAND JETS 2019 AWARDS BANQUET
DATE TBD**

The South Holland Jets will host the annual Awards Banquet the date and location is still to be determined. Expect additional details regarding this celebration during the season.

Payment:

Payment for the banquet must be made in advance. You will not be able to pay for the banquet at the door. All banquet sales are to be made prior to the event.

\$10 – For all participating Jet Football Players, Cheerleaders, Coaches and Board Members

* RSVP REQUIRED

*ALL EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM MUST BE RETURNED TO PARTICIPATE

2019 SOUTH HOLLAND JETS GAME SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Location	Opponent	Home/Away	Details
Aug 25	Sunday	10:00 AM	South Holland	Eastside Bulldogs	Home	
Sep 1	Sunday	10:00 AM	Kankakee	Colts	Away	
Sep 8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Country Club Hills	Cougars	Away	
Sep 15	Sunday	10:00 AM	Hazelcrest	Mustangs	Away	
Sep 22	Sunday	10:00 AM	South Holland	University Park Lions	Home	HOME COMING
Sep 29	Sunday	10:00 AM	Chicago	Cowboys	Away	
Oct 6	Sunday	10:00 AM	South Holland	Park Forest Hurricanes	Home	
Oct 12	Saturday	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	PLAYOFF
Oct 13	Sunday	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	PLAYOFF
Oct 19	Saturday	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	PLAYOFF
Oct 20	Sunday	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	PLAYOFF
Oct 27	Sunday	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	SUPERBOWL

Game times and locations may change; you will be notified of any changes to the schedule.

Will Cook Cheerleading Competition - TBA

*****Driving Directions To Away Games*****

WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE DURING THE SEASON

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parental involvement is critical to the success of the Jets organization. We need involvement in the following areas in order to make our season successful:

CONCESSIONS

Our concession stand is 100% operated by the organization, and requires parent participation. Each family is required to work the concession stand at least once for our home games. Volunteer workers will sell refreshments to game day attendees starting with the Mighty Mite (Widget) level game through the 12/13/14 U (Varsity) level game. Parent volunteers are rotated for each game in a variety of assigned areas: initial setup, Mighty Mite (Widget) game, Junior Pee Wee D1 (Pee Wee) game, Pee Wee D1 (JV) game and 12/13/14U (Varsity) game as well as cleanup for concession and bleacher areas.

We ask that each family sign-up to work in 2-hour increments. **Tailgating is strictly prohibited** at any home or away games. In addition we are asked to support the concession stand, both at home and away. Smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited at any home game, away game or at practices.

CHAIN GANG

At each home game and at each level, three (3) volunteers regardless of gender are needed to work the chains and down marker for the referees. **This is every home team's responsibility.** No game may begin without a chain crew. Sign-up sheets will be available.

TEAM PARENT

Parent volunteers will assist the football/cheer coaches with attendance, issuing notices, keeping of team documentation, etc. Team parents are needed per team per level.

FUNDRAISING

For the 2019 season, a mandatory \$50 Fundraising Fee is included in registration. Parents have the opportunity to participate in the Jets Fundraising Raffle to recoup this fee. For those that have not received raffle tickets, they are included in your 2019 Orientation Packet. All raffle tickets are due by Saturday, August 3rd to be eligible for drawing. The drawing will take place at the first home game of the season, Sunday, August 25th. Winner need not be present to win.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN

Those athletes who are present at and participate in practice have an opportunity to play/cheer in each game, regular season or playoffs. While each coach will do his or her best to insure that all players and cheerleaders are able to participate in each game, all playing and cheer time **must be earned, in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final!!** **It is the parents' responsibility to have your children at practice on time.** Excessive tardiness, as well as unexcused absences **will be detrimental to your child's playing/cheering time.** If your child will be late or absent that child's head or assistant coach must receive a phone call prior to practice as well as games. *It is up to you, the parent, to open the lines of communication with your child's respective coaches in the case of injury, sickness, school activities, disciplinary problems and the like.*

SOUTH HOLLAND JETS **FANS'/PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

THIS IS YOUTH SPORTS, NOT THE PROS. Fans/parents, as well as the players/cheerleaders and coaches are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all Jets Events. While as an organization we expect 100% of the adults in the program to abide by this code without being asked, we find it necessary to be published for the **protection of our children, parents, volunteers, coaches and board members from those who will not abide.**

Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct, which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, The South Holland Jets Organization shall have the authority to impose a penalty. *Fans shall:*

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other Jets functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields and surrounding areas during practice.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
7. Not interfere with or interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practices.
8. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e. right after a game or practice).
9. Not utilize public media outlets (including social media), to criticize or speak negatively toward players, cheerleaders, coaches, parents, volunteers or the organization overall.

VIOLATION

Any parent or fan that violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Any fan that violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by an authorized official of the Jets organization (board member or head coach) and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities by the head coach.
3. The discipline and arbitration committee will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four weeks or if the child will be dropped from the program. That decision will depend in part on the attitude of the parents.
4. Any parent or fan that violates the code of conduct risks the future participation of his/her children in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the board of directors may decide to ban future participation in the program for up to three years.

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I will: Support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad.

I will: emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.

I will: Help my child and The South Holland Jets make each athletic contest a positive educational experience.

I will: Show courtesy to opponents and officials.

I will: Direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the athletic director or association officials and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

I will: Be responsible for my child's attendance at all practices, games, and Jets events. I understand that although the coach will make every effort to insure each child participates on game day, playing and cheer time must be earned in the opinion of the coaching staff, whose decisions are final. (Unexcused Absences will be detrimental to your child's playing time). Furthermore, I agree that if my child is consistently absent from practice it is unfair and unsafe for him/her to participate in place of another teammate who has put in the work all week regardless of talent level!

I will not: Criticize officials, directly abuse or use profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.

I will not: Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration.

I will not: Intrude onto the field, stand on the sidelines, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I will: Have Fun!

I will: Put my schoolwork first, and strive for excellence in everything that I do.

I will: Emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.

I will: Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors.

I will: Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team.

I will: Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.

I will not: Use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game/practice. ***(No exceptions)***

I will not: Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. ***(No exceptions)***

I will not: Criticize my teammates or act in any way that may incite spectators. ***(No exceptions)***

I will not: Talk back to any coach, official, teacher or parent at any time. ***(No exceptions)***

I will not: disrespect any player, teammate, teacher, coach, parent, or official at any time, especially while representing the South Holland Jets Football Organization. ***(No exceptions)***

I will not: engage in behavior that could be considered negative, dangerous, or detrimental in any way, nor in any behavior that could negatively compromise relationships with any member of the South Holland Jets family, whether a person or an institution.

VIOLATIONS

Violations of these rules will be brought to the attention of the parent by his/her head coach. Non-compliance may result in the loss of playing/cheering time and/or suspension from Jets activities.

Please Retain For Your Records

DISCIPLINE AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

The members of the executive board are empowered by the South Holland Jets Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization board of directors to act on matters of discipline and arbitration. Accordingly, the organization has created a discipline and arbitration committee made up of four of the members of the executive board: These members will be the athletic director (Lee Roddy), the President (Malik Jones), the Vice President (Shanetta Davis) and the Public Relations director (John Watson). The Public Relations director (John Watson) will serve as the chairman of this committee. All issues of communication, playing time, scrimmage time, practice time will be under the jurisdiction of this committee, and all decisions rendered by the committee and ratified by the executive board are final and irrevocable.

The Discipline and Arbitration Committee has the authority to make a final decision in the essence of time, if circumstances call for this type of speedy decision. This interpretation is left up to the committee. The definition of Arbitration relates to solving issues quickly and inexpensively. As a 100% volunteer organization it is important that we focus on the acceleration and success of our children and families that participate in our program. Time spent deliberating these types of issues redirects our attention away from that focus.

Five steps to take if there is a problem pertaining to playing time, scrimmage time, and practice time:

1. Talk to the position coach (if available)-Tuesday
2. Talk to the head coach-Tuesday
3. If not resolved after following BOTH step 1 and step 2, you may request a meeting with our Discipline and Arbitration Committee in writing by emailing John Watson at jwatson@southholland.org. Mr. Watson will arrange an initial meeting with the requested parties and a minimum of one additional committee member.
4. If the Arbitration Committee recommends that a meeting with the full executive board is needed then that will be the next step- Thursday. This meeting should result in a final resolution of the matter and an action plan (verbal or written by the coach and parent) to ensure that all parties involved adhere to the decisions rendered. The decision should be rendered within 7 days of this step unless otherwise communicated.
5. When a resolution is agreed upon the executive board communicates the result to the board of directors, in order that the secretary may record the decision as a matter of record.

Matters where organization expulsions or financial resolutions are recommended by the Discipline and Arbitration Board must be ratified by a majority vote of the board of directors.

The Discipline and Arbitration Committee without exception will not under any circumstances review any suggestions or recommendations between parents/fans and coaches regarding youth football and cheer philosophy, offensive, defensive, and special team positioning of players, play calling, practice plans, or game plans for football or cheer unless initiated by the head coach or his/her staff at the weekly parent meetings or in other structured meetings.

For matters of Personal Conduct (issues with fans, athletes, board members or coaches that do not involve athletic matters such as playing time, scrimmage or practice time):

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SUGGESTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE PURVIEW OF THE DISCIPLINE AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

For suggestions regarding youth football and cheer philosophy, offensive, defensive, and special team positioning of players, play calling, practice plans, or game plans for football or cheer a written request must be submitted by email to athletic director Lee Roddy at greatone48@gmail.com. An acknowledgment of the request will be sent via return email with copy to the organization secretary within two days. Upon review the athletic director will filter the comments and concerns to the coaches/levels in question. The coaches committee and the appropriate coaching staff will determine whether to incorporate the suggestions into their team management system. **No anonymous suggestions or requests or those missing contact information will be honored.**

Parent/Fan/Player Code of Conduct

I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have reviewed this code of conduct with my/our child/children who intend to participation and agree that my/our child/children will comply.

Team/Squad (circle one):

Football: Tiny Mite Mighty Mite Jr. Pee Wee Pee Wee D1 Unlimited

Cheer: Mighty Mite Jr. Pee Wee Pee Wee D1 Unlimited

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Mother's Name _____ Date _____

Print

Date _____

Signature: Parent or Legal Guardian

Father's Name _____ Date _____

Print

Date _____

Signature: Parent or Legal Guardian

Please Note:

- Parent and/or Legal Guardian must be (18 years or older).
- **This form must be signed and returned at the conclusion of Orientation. Head Coaches can collect prior to the start of the season.**

Cheer Competition Opt-Out

Participation in competition is optional. By agreeing to participate during competition season, you and your cheerleader are committing to the following:

- 1. An understanding that attendance and participation during the regular season will be a big determining factor in whether or not your child will be allowed to compete.**
- 2. Additional practices with a no-missed practice policy**
- 3. Participation in one or more cheer competitions**
- 4. An agreement that a refund will not be provided after the opt-out date.**

My child will participate in competition

My child will not participate in competition

Signature _____

Date _____