



## SMFA Athlete / Player Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship. We believe the highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

Every athlete / player of Stettler Minor Football Association will therefore agree:

- • To demonstrate positive sportsmanship and positively represent SMFA on and off the field at home and away.
- • To exercise positive self-control, graciously accepting the outcome games and treating all members of the football community, team volunteers (Coaches, Team managers, trainers) and fans with courtesy and respect.
- • To respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront a coach at the game field, but will take time for further conversation at an agreed upon time and place.
- • Exhibit respect for officials, in part by accepting their decisions. Insulting comments, arguing, gestures and profanity directed at officials will not be tolerated.
- • To practice and work on skill development as is appropriate for my age and competitive level of play for the team.
- • All equipment is treated with respect. Under no circumstances are players approved to alter or change equipment without prior consent. I will not throw or sit on my helmet.
- • Understand the rules of the game as appropriate for age and competitive level of the team.
- • Players are responsible for timely notification of absences from games, practices and training to the coach or manager of the team as determined by the team.
- • Zero tolerance for violence, abuse or **bullying** of any nature.
- • Players are prohibited from the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products while a member of SMFA.
- • I will never ridicule or yell at a teammate or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- • I will respect and abide by the instructions from and the decisions of the team's Trainers with respect to:
  - Concussion protocols, including the removal from play, referral to other professionals (i.e. Sports Medicine Physicians), and all the requirements of the return to play stages, including documentation from other professionals and rest periods.



- Injury decisions including the removal from play, reduced or modified participation, whether or not supportive taping is indicated, and referral to other professionals (i.e. physicians).
- Safety instructions including the implementation of thunder/lightning protocols, hydration and equipment recommendations and any other safety related situations.
- I understand that failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct could result in my removal from the team as per the SMFA code of Conduct.

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