

# **PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

## **CODE OF ETHICS/CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Mifflin Broncos Athletic Association (MBAAA) expects all parents and legal guardians to conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike and professional manner when attending a game or practice of an MBAAA team. Each parent and legal guardian shall recognize, acknowledge and agree to abide by the following fundamental ethical principles:

1. Parents and legal guardians are role models. As such, I shall conduct myself so as to maintain the highest principles of integrity and dignity.
2. Parents and legal guardians should never place the value of a win above the objective of developing the skills of their children and instilling the highest ideals and character traits in their children. The safety, welfare and best interests of the children shall always be uppermost in my mind and I will not sacrifice these values for personal prestige or personal gain.
3. Parents and legal guardians should never teach their children tactics or skills designed to circumvent the intent of the rulebook and the standards of fair play. The rules exist to protect the players and to provide a common standard by which final results will be determined.
4. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. I will conduct myself in a manner that emphasizes their skill, development, discipline and sportsmanship.
5. I understand that my general responsibility to my child and to the sports of football and cheerleading includes all children and players, whether on my child's team or on an opponent's team.
6. I will show respect and positive support for all coaches and officials, prior to, during and after a game or practice. I will provide support and I will not openly instruct during the game or openly interpret the rules.
7. I will abide by the rulings of the officials, coaches and league administrators prior to, during and after a game or practice.
8. If any concerns or grievances with respect to any matter concerning my child arise, I will contact the Executive Board, if the issue can not be rectified in a peaceful manner with the coach, parent or other party.

Disorderly conduct on the field, parking lot or otherwise, including but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated by the MBAA:

1. Physical or verbal confrontation with members of any MBAAA team, referee, coach, player from opposing teams, and/or parents from opposing teams.
2. Possessing or threatening use of a weapon.
3. While on any field in connection with an MBAAA practice, game or other sanctioned event (a) possessing or using any illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, or (b) being under the influence of illegal drugs or sufficient amount of alcohol such that an individual is engaged in conduct deemed to constitute "offensive behavior" as determined by the Executive Board, in their sole discretion.
4. Displaying violent or threatening behavior, including being involved in a physical altercation regardless of provocation or threatening physical bodily harm to a coach, parent, legal guardian, spectator, child or player.
5. Exhibiting loud or obnoxious behavior that exceeds generally accepted standards of sportsmanship.
6. Sending threatening or harassing communications (whether written or oral) to coaches, team representatives, board members, referees, parents, legal guardians, or anyone else affiliated with the MBAAA program regarding, among other things, a particular team or player, playing time or any other matter which the board shall later determine. Determination of threatening or harassing will be at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

In addition, all parents and legal guardians shall be responsible for the behavior of all of their children at all times.

**Disciplinary Procedures**

The MBAAA has ZERO TOLERANCE for violations of the above Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct. The failure to observe this Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct will result in an investigation by the Executive Board of the MBAAA. If the investigation concludes that the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct has been violated, the Executive Board will recommend the following minimum disciplinary sanctions be taken:

- First Violation:                 Suspension from one game (including practices prior to such game).
  
- Second Violation:             Suspension from a minimum of four games (including practices prior to such games), maximum length to be determined by the Executive Board in its sole discretion.
  
- Third Violation:               Suspended for at least the remainder of the season; potential expulsion from all MBAAA events, with reinstatement for future seasons permitted upon petition and approval of the Executive Board in its sole discretion.

The offending parent or legal guardian shall be given the right to appear in person before the Executive Board to explain why the above penalties or additional penalties should not be assessed and/or to request reinstatement following the end of the suspension. The Executive Board retains the ultimate discretion to impose any sanctions for violation of the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct, and/or to impose additional or alternative behavioral requirements prior to reinstating participation privileges. Any suspension, for part or all of the remainder of any season DOES NOT constitute grounds for a refund of any registration fees or for the cancellation of any remaining payments due under the payment schedule, if any.

I have read and understand the above Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct and understand the potential consequences that may occur if I violate the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct. (All parents/legal guardians are required to sign below.)

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Child's Name (printed)

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Parent/Legal Guardian Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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