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Mount Ephraim Youth Athletic Association
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CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Mount Ephraim Youth Athletic Association (MEYAA) have implemented the following Parent and/or Volunteer Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents and/or volunteers in supporting the children in the MEYAA. Parents and/or volunteers should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child/children participating in MEYAA.

Any parent and/or volunteer guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

MEYAA will not tolerate any foul language or the throwing of ANY equipment such as helmets, bats, gloves or catcher equipment. Anyone who violates these rules will be required to sit down for 3 continuous innings even if it has to be finished in the next game till the continuous innings are served.

The Board of Directors will deal with any coaches who don't enforce these rules. Any coach who violates these rules will have a hearing with The Board of Directors with penalties to follow. Good Sportsmanship is required on the complex of MEYAA.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: (a) Trustworthiness, (b) Respect, (c) Responsibility, (d) Fairness, (e) Caring, and (f) Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach and/or volunteers of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the association.
5. I, (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I, (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, volunteer, board member, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, volunteers, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach that doing ones best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at any participate for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit the children and team over winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-0being of the athletes ahead of any person desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Signature: _____ Date: _____