

Metro Atlanta Youth Football League, Inc. (MAYFL)

Code of Conduct for Parents

We, the **Metro Atlanta Youth Football League (MAYFL)**, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in cheerleading and football.

Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child(ren) participation in **MAYFL's** cheer and football programs.

Any parent 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 for their child(ren), or the season forfeiture of the privilege of their child(ren) to participate in **MAYFL's** cheer and football programs.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “**six pillars of character.**”

I, as a parent or guardian, therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in a **MAYFL** sanctioned football game or cheer.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of **MAYFL**.
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 competition, game, or practice.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, 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 my child 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, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's 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 praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. 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.

16. 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 **MAYFL** sanctioned events.
17. 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.

Adherences to these rules of conduct are mandatory. Refusal to abide by these rules of conduct will result in my ejection from the field and facility, *and if continued*, my child's expulsion from participation in **MAYFL**. Other sanctions as deemed appropriate by **MAYFL**'s Board of Directors may apply.

I have read, understand, and agree to the parent's code of conduct with the Metro Atlanta Youth Football League (**MAYFL**) at all **MAYFL** sanctioned events.

By: _____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

By: _____
(Type or Print Name)

****Participant's Full Name:** _____
(Type or Print Name)

Member League Name: _____
(Type or Print Name)

Note:

A signed copy of this form must be presented to **MAYFL** at the time a cheer or football participant are presented for certification to participate in **MAYFL**'s cheer or football program.

Athletes will not be allowed to participate without the completion and return of this form.

****Participant's Full Name** must match name that is shown on participant's birth certificate and **MAYFL** roster.