



## URBANA YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

In order to advance the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, referees and spectators the Urbana Youth Football Program (UYFP) has established this "Code of Conduct" (hereafter referred to as "the Code").

The Code shall govern the actions of parents and spectators. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as UYFP's standard for behavioral evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of ALL program parents and spectators, to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative or disciplinary action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all UYFP sponsored activities.

Parents shall remain unconditionally supportive of the UYFP's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. In order to adhere to these doctrines the parents and spectators agree as follows:

1. Model sportsmanship at all times. Treat our coaches, volunteers, opponents and officials with respect.
2. Be supportive. Help make football a positive and fun experience for everyone.
3. Keep your comments positive. Parents and coaches must communicate with mutual respect. Coaches have the right to postpone conversations that are getting out of hand. Heated discussions have no place in front of the players.
4. Communicate with your coach. Keep them informed about problems that may be going on with your child. If the child has been sick, taking medication, or going through some emotional trauma please make sure the coaches are made aware of the problem as soon as possible.
5. Only players, coaches and UYFP volunteers are allowed on the practice and playing fields, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Leave the coaching to the coaches. Regardless of your background or experience, please refrain from coaching your kids at home. These kids are being taught to play as a team, each player performing a set function that his teammates can rely on. A player who abandons his teammates to do something his/her parents coached him/her to do is letting down the team, coaches, and himself/herself. At best he/she may open up the door for the opponent to win the



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game. At worst he/she may cause a teammate to be injured. Please talk with a board member if you are interested in volunteering or coaching.

7. Leave the officiating to the officials. Spectators are not allowed to make comments, suggestions or communicate in any way with officials.
8. Respect the field managers. There will be a field manager at every game and they have final say about the use of their fields. Any request from a field manager (no beverages, no photography from outside the stands, etc.) is to be followed without exception.
9. Disrespectful behavior towards players, opponents, officials, coaches, or volunteers will not be tolerated. Nor will abusive or foul language.
10. Behavior that is disruptive to the program or takes away from the experience of other players and parents is not acceptable. Creating unnecessary drama or stirring controversy will not be tolerated.
11. Players must be at practice on time, properly equipped and with adequate water (and only water). Unexcused absences will result in loss of playing time.
12. Police your own ranks at each practice and game. You will be held directly responsible for the behavior of your family and friends. Demand that everyone who is there to support our teams do so with respect for all players, coaches and officials. As parents we must model the behavior we want from our kids. Sometimes that means asking a family member to tone it down.
13. Alcohol and tobacco use is prohibited in the stadium, on the fields and in parking areas.

### Policy Enforcement:

1. Individuals that are suspected to have violated the Code will be asked to immediately leave the facility or premises, and their player will be removed from the practice or game until that individual has left.
2. **First offense:** Individuals that have violated the Code for the first time will receive a verbal counseling as to that violation from a designated member of the UYF Board.
3. **Second offense:** Individuals that have violated the Code for a second time will receive a written counseling as to that violation from a designated member of the UYF Board. Individuals can also face additional disciplinary action for secondary violations if deemed necessary by the



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UYF Board. This may include the individual being barred from all UYF practices, games and events for a designated time period.

4. For all disciplinary procedures listed above, the UYF Board reserves the right to implement any action at any time based on the egregiousness of the Code violation. The disciplinary actions above do not necessarily have to go in sequential order if circumstances warrant, and discretion is vested in the UYF Board and the UYF Commissioner to take any and all actions deemed appropriate to maintain safety and discipline within the UYFP.

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE CONCUSSION AWARENESS DOCUMENT.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date