



Dover Football League Parent Code of Conduct

Introduction

Welcome to the Dover Football League! Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, and positive environment for young athletes to develop skills, teamwork, and a love for the game of football. Parents play a crucial role in creating and maintaining this atmosphere. We ask that you review and commit to the following guidelines to ensure a positive experience for all.

1. Sportsmanship and Conduct Expectations

- **Respect for All Participants:** Show respect and courtesy to all players, coaches, referees, and fellow spectators. Refrain from derogatory comments or disruptive behavior.
- **Encouragement Over Criticism:** Focus on providing positive reinforcement to your child and their teammates. Remember that all athletes are here to learn and grow.
- **Role Modeling:** Demonstrate good sportsmanship by accepting wins and losses with grace and by modeling the behavior we hope to instill in our young athletes.

2. Social Media Guidelines

- **Positive Sharing:** Social media can be a great way to share the excitement and achievements of the Dover Football League. We encourage parents to post positive updates and moments that celebrate the league's spirit.
- **Refrain from Negative Comments:** Posting negative comments or criticisms about any player, coach, official, or the league as a whole is strictly prohibited. This includes direct or indirect comments that may reflect poorly on any individual or the league.
- **Respect Privacy:** Avoid posting photos, videos, or personal information about players other than your own child unless you have received explicit permission from their parents.

3. Communications and Grievances

- **Direct Communication:** Should you have concerns or questions regarding your child's experience, please reach out directly to their coach or a designated league official rather than addressing issues publicly.

- **Constructive Feedback:** We welcome constructive feedback aimed at helping the league improve. Please direct such feedback through the appropriate league channels to ensure a collaborative approach to addressing concerns.

4. Disciplinary Actions

- **Consequences for Violations:** Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary action by the Dover Football League Board. Actions can include warnings, temporary suspension, or other measures as deemed necessary.
- **Board Authority:** The Dover Football League Board reserves the right to determine the severity of the offense and to enact disciplinary actions as necessary, up to and including suspension of parent privileges at games and events.

5. Acknowledgment

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Dover Football League Parent Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Date: _____