

## MAC Code of Conduct Form

### MAC Dolphins will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer coaches or staff from any Fan, Parent or Spectator.

This is Youth Football, not the pros. Fans, players and coaches are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all events. While 99% of the adults in the program will abide by this code without being told, this code is being published to protect the children and volunteers (which includes all coaches, staff and board members) from the 1%. In addition to the Code of Conduct rules listed under the American Youth Football league, MAC Dolphins also requires the following:

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If any of these rules are broken, **MAC Dolphins** shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

#### **Parents/Guardians shall:**

1. Make MAC coaches/staff aware of all allergies or health concerns of participant. Parent/Guardian must be present at practices/games to administer any medications themselves. Parent/Guardian should remain at practice/games.
2. Be on time at conclusion of practices/games to pick up your participant(s). Agree to let coaches/staff know of alternative pick-up arrangements. Players will be released at end of practices and games to parent/guardian. This is especially critical for the younger ages. Players will not be allowed to walk off on their own due to safety concerns. Parents who are routinely late picking up their child may be subject to fines. If you are excessively late picking up your child and we cannot contact you, police may be called for safety reasons. Never drop off your child early or otherwise if there is not a coach/staff member present.
3. Turn in all MAC owned equipment/property at the end of the season or be fined for the cost of any missing/damaged item(s).
4. Help keep practice fields clean by removing personal trash. Abide by parking rules at the practice field or risk being towed by the city.

#### **Fans shall:**

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Refrain from using physical/ verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other MAC functions.
4. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields. Fields where we play/practice are also smoke free zones. Cigarettes are prohibited once you leave the parking lot.
5. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game or on practice field during practice. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice. If there is an emergency, coaches will come off the field or call you to the field to address you directly.
6. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children. MAC requires that fans adhere to a 24-hour rule on game day when addressing complaints/issues with your coaches unless there is a safety issue/question.
7. Coaches will only answer questions about your participant. Coaches will not explain another player's situation when addressing your concerns about your player.
8. Not fight, harm or threaten any referee, coach, parent or player. There is a zero-tolerance policy for violence. You will be removed from the game, practice or event and face suspension from our program and league.

#### VIOLATION

Any parent/fan who violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program. The procedure is as follows:

1. Any fan who violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by MAC staff and can be suspended from all team activities. If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities.
2. The executive board will decide if the duration of the suspension is to be longer than one to four weeks or if the child will be dropped from the program. That decision will depend on the attitude of the parents.
3. Any parent/fan who violates the code of conduct risks the future participation of his/her children in the program. Depending on the severity of the incident the board of directors may decide to ban future participation in the program for up to three years.

#### CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS - PARENTS

Outside of any league minimum play requirements playing time is earned in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final. Coaches will decide your player's position/role based on what's best for the team/squad with consideration of safety always. If teams are split or multiple available, Coaches will have final say as to which team your player participates on. Decisions will be based on the player's experience; as well as team needs and to help maximize playing time.

#### Athlete's Code

**I will:** emphasize sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are educational endeavors. Give complete allegiance to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team. Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting my coach's authority.

**I will not:** Use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize my teammates. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

#### Parent's Code

**I will:** Support my child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad - emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child make athletic contests positive, educational experiences. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child's program to the head coach or Board member and work toward a positive result for all concerned.

**I will not:** Criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

*I have read the **MAC CODE OF CONDUCT** and understand what is expected (must be returned before child can play in any game or scrimmage)*

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Child's Name (PRINT)

Team Name

Date

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Parents Name (PRINT)

Parents Signature

Date