

# OLD HICKORY BULLDOGS



## PARENTS CODE of CONDUCT

In an effort to ensure your child has a positive experience in our program, we are requesting parents to agree to the following Code of Conduct. By signing this form, you agree to abide by the following.

**PLAYING TIME:** By participating in the Tennessee Youth Football Alliance (TYFA), Rule 17.15 states that all C division and CC players must participate in every game present. For CCC and above, there is no TYFA rule regarding any playing time. However, the coaches are committed to reasonable playing time for individuals based upon putting the safety of a child first, followed by their experience level, previous playing knowledge, practice attendance and learning curve of a position(s) throughout the season.

**PARENTS ISSUES:** If a parent has an issue, they must first address it with the involved Head Coach independently of a game or practice. If needed, after addressing the issue with the Head Coach, that parent(s) can request a joint conference with the respective Vice-President-Football Operations and the Head Coach to come to an equitable solution.

**PLAYER EQUIPMENT/CHEERLEADING UNIFORM:** It will be the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all player football equipment/cheerleading uniforms are turned into their respective Head Coach no later than December 1, of the current season year. After December 1, the respective player/cheerleader will be charged an equipment replacement fee for all football (approx. \$100.00) and/or cheerleading (approx. \$95.00) equipment not returned.

**GAME SITUATIONS (BOTH HOME & AWAY):** To ensure that all players and coaches are completely focused on the task at hand, parents agree to **NOT** communicate with the Head Coach, any Assistant Coach, or players during actual game time. Except in the case of an emergency situation (i.e. injury, having to leave during a game before it's over, etc.), this would include staying off the sidelines (20 yd line to 20 yd. line) and at least 10 yds or behind the fence of the player's bench. Violation of this guideline could result in parent(s) suspension from attending future TYFA games. After the game, parent(s) should remember that win or lose; the ride home should not be the worst 20 minutes in your kid's life. "You played great" should about cover it every time

### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- 1) Parents agree to encourage good sportsmanship at all times by setting a positive example for all children
- 2) Parents agree to pledge to support all participants, including teammates and opponents, coaches, referees and spectators.
- 3) Parents agree to demonstrate a positive attitude towards TYFA Football & Cheerleading, not embarrassing yourself, your child or any other participant by yelling or creating a scene, while applauding good effort in victory and defeat.
- 4) Parents agree to demand a healthy environment, refraining from alcohols, drugs and tobacco use at all practices, games or any other TYFA team activities.
- 5) Parents agree if a problem or concern is identified, you will calmly seek solutions at a proper time and location, refraining from confrontations in front of the children.
- 6) Parents agree to make TYFA Football and Cheerleading FUN! After all, isn't that why your child signed up in the first place?

Violation(s) of Sportsmanship guidelines could result in disciplinary actions (suspension from attending games and practices, ejection from the playing field area and/or park complex, etc.)

***By signature below, parents understand and are committing to working with your community organization by supporting the goals of the program and to ensure that children have the most positive experience possible.***

Player / Cheerleader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player / Cheerleader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player / Cheerleader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_