

Parent and/or Guardian Code of Ethics

The support of parents is essential to the success of any youth program & should be of the off-field variety in all HYFC activities on & off the fields. The Hurricanes Youth Football Club (HYFC) & South Jersey Independent Youth Football Association (SJIYFA) are composed entirely of volunteers. HYFC has rules concerning the conduct of parents.

Please read & accept the following:

- ☐ I/We will place the emotional & physical well-being of my child, my child's teammates, opposing team players, coaches & officials ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ☐ I/We will remember that each participant is someone's child & that there is a large range of emotional & physical development for children of the same age group.
- ☐ I/We will support HYFC in maintaining a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco & alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- ☐ I/We will communicate any concerns, comments or questions about an approach taken by my child's coach to either the coach directly or either the Football Coordinator & President or Cheer Coordinator. All concerns should be communicated at an appropriate time **when children are not present**.
- ☐ I/We will support HYFC in developing good sportsmanship traits in our program's children & will refrain from any disruptive behavior that could be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, cheerleader or parent such as taunting, refusal to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
- ☐ I/We understand that if I or any spectators that I bring, engage in any verbal or physical altercations, at any HYFC event, that the HYFC Board will have full authority to take any action deemed appropriate, including & not limited to restriction from attending HYFC events or my (not my child's) removal from the HYFC program.
- ☐ I/We understand that I'm encouraged to motivate & support my child & their team at all HYFC events with as much enthusiasm as possible. However, I will refrain from directing my child regarding either football assignments & techniques or cheers & tumbling techniques, as this might be confusing to my child & in conflict with the direction of the coaching staff. Any concerns in this regard will be communicated to the coaching staff at a mutually convenient time before/after HYFC events when children are not present.
- ☐ I/We understand that everyone involved with the HYFC is a volunteer & like me, are not perfect.
- ☐ I/We understand that communication with my coach may not be daily as all are volunteers that have responsibilities other than coaching my child. I/We will remember

that I am a youth sports participant's parent or guardian & that the game/competition is for children, not adults.

☐ I/We will NOT use the Lumberton Hurricane Logo for any apparel or products.

☐ I/We acknowledge that attendance at practices, games, & competitions is expected. I understand not attending practice will likely affect my child's position within the routines/cheers or their playing time & position. I understand that unexcused absences & tardiness will not be tolerated & when possible, I will notify my child's coach in advance when my child will miss one of the above events.

☐ I/We understand that every cheerleader or football player is integral to the success of your child's squad/team. Please understand the commitment that we are asking is of both you & your child. It will take everyone working together to ensure our success. Therefore, I understand that if my child cannot commit to participate in all practices, games or competitions it may have an impact on my child's playing time or ability to participate in future cheer competitions.

☐ I/We understand that by agreeing to these terms, if the HYFC Board of Directors concludes, to the best of their ability, that I have not followed this code of ethics, that the consequences of my actions will be up to the discretion of the board. I understand that by signing this agreement, I understand what is expected of me as a parent, coach and spectator. I understand that the incident determined by the program to be behavior counter to these ethics, that the HYFC Board will have full authority to take any action deemed appropriate including & not limited to restriction from attending sporting events or my child's removal from the HYFC program.

☐ I/We are in agreement with the above & pledge to support the Hurricanes in creating an atmosphere that is in the best interest of our children.

Players Name: _____

Team: _____

Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s): _____

Date: _____

By (Signature): _____

Name (Print): _____