



Linganore Youth Football

Parents Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the Linganore Youth Football Program.

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other team event; both on the field and off the field (including social media).
2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. This includes not coaching from the sidelines and/or interrupting practices/games to coach your child; leave coaching to your child's appointed coaches.
5. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all Linganore Sports events.
6. I will remember that the game is for the youth – not adults.
7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and support the coaches in every way possible.
8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
9. I will help my child enjoy the Linganore Youth Football experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, or volunteering to work in the program.
10. I will require that my child's coaches be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coaches uphold their Coaches Pledge.
11. I understand that Linganore Youth Football is **SOLEY RUN** by volunteers and I will do my best to complete my volunteering responsibilities. Repeat failures to complete volunteer duties will be considered a violation to the parent's code of conduct.

12. I understand there are appropriate and not appropriate topics to discuss with child's Coaches:

Appropriate	Not Appropriate
Treatment of your child mentally/physically	Team strategy / play calling
Ways to help your child improve on or off the field	Player position
Concerns about your child's behavior	Other student athletes
Your child not meeting the Minimum Play Policy	Playing time (unless your child is not receiving their minimum plays)

13. Social Media Policy:

I will use social media in a responsible way. I understand that using social media to criticize, harass, or negatively portray players, coaches, officials, or the league is grounds for disciplinary action, including removal from the program.

14. Zero Tolerance Policy on Physical Altercations:

I understand that any physical aggression – including but not limited to fighting, pushing, shoving, striking, or threatening gestures – by parents/guardians, spectators, & Volunteers is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

15. Resolution Process: I understand there is an issue / resolution process that starts with my child's Head Coach. Should you have an issue that needs to be resolved, please follow the below communication process by way of a pre-planned meeting request (phone/text/email). AND ensure you have waited at least 24 hours after the incident to discuss:

- a. Your child's Head Coach
- b. If an unsatisfactory resolution, Area Director
- c. If an unsatisfactory resolution, Commissioner
- d. If an unsatisfactory resolution, LOUYAA Board of Directors
- e. (please visit linganorefootball.org to view the organizational chart)

16. I understand that violations to the parent's code of conduct could result in, but not limited to, the following penalties¹:

- *Verbal or written warning
- *Immediate removal from a game, event, or facility
- *Suspension from one or more practices, games, or team events
- *Temporary or permanent removal from a team or program
- *Revocation of coaching or volunteer privileges

¹ Penalties will be carried over to the next season if the penalty cannot be fulfilled in the current season.

All decisions regarding disciplinary actions will be made by the Linganore youth football management team and are final. The LYF management team reserves the right to act quickly and decisively to protect the well-being of all participants and to maintain the integrity of the program.

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____