

Christian Football League of Michigan

Responsibilities & Guidelines of Team Members*

* **Team Members...** are the players *AND* their families, the administrative staff, the coaching staff, and volunteers that have made a commitment to support the vision of the Christian Football League of Michigan. These guidelines have been developed to define and insure a clear understanding of expected standards for *all* Team Members. Team members are to maintain an honorable testimony at all times remembering that they are Ambassadors for Christ, representing their families, the Christian Football League of Michigan, and the homeschooling community.

- **PLAYERS are responsible to communicate DIRECTLY with the coach regarding team matters. If a player will be late or absent from a game or practice, he/she should contact the coach as soon as possible. If unable to make contact with the Coach, call the Team Captain or the Team Mom.**
- Issues that arise during practices or games should be discussed with the coach **privately and respectfully**. Issues involving the administration of the sports club should be directed to the Athletic Director **privately and respectfully**.
- All team members are to demonstrate respect for game Officials, regardless of their opinion or feelings about how the game is being officiated!! **Players should “thank” game Officials and shake their hand after all games**, regardless of the outcome.
- Please demonstrate respect and courtesy to other coaches and teams, facility managers, and field officials when present.
- Players should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the scheduled practice time, and 45 minutes before games unless directed otherwise. Parents, please do not leave your player unless the coach is present.
- Only coaching staff and players are permitted on the playing field during practices. During games and scrimmages, only coaches and players are allowed on the bench.
- Coaches will not leave team players unattended after games or practices. Parents should pick their players up **promptly** after practices and games. Please do not loiter in the building or on game fields.
- Players who carpool with other families should be considerate of the rules established by their chaperones. Players should be respectful and report to them as soon as possible after practices/games.
- Parents are responsible to carefully supervise other children who are with them during practices/games. Please keep children off the playing fields and away from the sidelines.
- All team members are responsible to properly care for the facilities, playing fields, and equipment we use. Facilities and playing fields should be clean when we are done using them. Do not use unauthorized areas.
- There is **NO SMOKING** in church/school buildings or on their grounds. There is no **FOOD, GUM, OR BEVERAGES** allowed in the buildings. Please wipe your shoes when entering buildings.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We ask family team members and friends to maintain team spirit by sitting together during games.

DO cheer enthusiastically for our teams and encourage them in their team effort!! Applauding the skill of the opposing team is also in keeping with our Christian witness.

DO NOT "boo," yell, or be disrespectful to the officials, coaches, players, or members of the opposing team. This type of behavior is not a good witness of Our Lord Jesus, is not good sportsmanship, and not the type of conduct that will render a good report for our team.

Players and their guests: Remember that when you are at games as a player or a spectator, you and your guests are representing the Christian Football League of Michigan. Our public attitudes and actions are a testimony to others of what we believe and our actions should always demonstrate respect for others.

Regarding boy-girl relationships: NO public displays of affection: NO hand holding, NO hugging, NO kissing. Players should treat each other with respect at ALL times. You are first and foremost brothers and sisters in the Lord and should conduct yourselves accordingly.

During games and tournaments: We expect players to be on the field participating in the game as players or spectators. Please sit together as the Christian Football League of Michigan team to cheer the players on!! Players are **NOT** to congregate in the parking lot or hangout in any vehicles. We are a team and we need to show it!!

Parents, we ask that you make every effort to help make this a positive experience for all the families involved in the Christian Football League of Michigan by upholding the guidelines expressed here. This truly is a TEAM effort!!

***These guidelines may be amended throughout the season as deemed necessary
by the Administrative staff.***

I have read and understand the guidelines set forth here and agree to abide by them as a Team Member of the Christian Football League of Michigan for the 2008 season. I understand failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disciplinary action as set forth in the Player Contract.

Signature of Player

Date

Signature of Parent

Date