

AYF Code of Conduct - _____ [print year here]

_____ (association name) will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer coaches from any Fan, Parent or Spectator.

This is American Youth Football, not the pros. Fans, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all American Youth Football 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 and board members) from the 1%.

FANS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If any of these rules are broken, _____ (association name) shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

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.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other AYF functions.
5. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
6. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
7. Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
8. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e. right after a game or practice).

VIOLATION

Any parent or 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 that violates the code of conduct or becomes a nuisance will be asked to leave by the head coach and can be suspended from all team activities.
2. If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities by the head coach.
3. The head coach along with 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.
4. Any parent or 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

All players are guaranteed 6 plays in each Jamboree, Regular Season or Playoff game. Everything beyond that must be earned in the opinion of the coaching staff whose decisions are final.

Athlete's Code

I will: emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to my opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious 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 - emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Help my child and American Youth Football make athletic contests a positive educational experience. Show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of my child's athletic program to the athletic director or association officials 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.

AYF Code of Conduct - _____ [print year here] - Signature Page*

I have read the **AYF CODE OF CONDUCT** and understand what is expected. By signing below, I agree to abide by all of the rules mentioned and any consequences if rules are broken:

Athlete's Name (PRINT)	Parents Name (PRINT)
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Parents Signature	Date
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Association Name (PRINT)	Division (i.e. 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)
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AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Waiver and Release of Liability - Minor

ASSOCIATION NAME - _____ 4 _____



READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION OF _____, my child/ward, being allowed to participate in any way in American Youth Football, Inc.(AYF) or American Youth Cheer dba, Regional/National Championships, _____ my Local AYF Affiliation(s), athletic sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- 1) The risk of injury to my child/ward, myself, from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability, paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- 2) FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for child/ward, participation; and,
- 3) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant concern in my child/wards', readiness or, hazard during my presence or participation, and/or in the program itself, I will remove my, child/ward, from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
- 4) I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS American Youth Football, Inc.(AYF), American Youth Cheer dba, my Local AYF Affiliation, their officers, directors, officials, volunteers, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, tournament host, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, incident to my child/wards', involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 5) I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my child/ward's involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date Signed:

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

Print Participant's Name:

Participant's Signature:

Date Signed:

NOTE: This form as with any and all forms used by your Association should be reviewed by your local counsel for compliance with any state or local statutes. This form should be kept on file for a minimum of 7 years, longer in the event of an injury. Please confer with your local attorney for advice as to the appropriate maintenance and storage term for this and all such forms.



**American Youth Football and Cheer, Inc.
Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI) / Concussion
Annual Statement and Acknowledgement Form**

I, _____ (athlete), acknowledge that I have to be an active participant in my own health and have the direct responsibility for reporting all of my injuries and illnesses to the organizations staff (e.g., coaches, team physicians, and athletic training staff). I further recognize that my physical condition is dependent upon providing an accurate medical history and a full disclosure of any symptoms, complaints, prior injuries and/or disabilities experienced before, during or after athletic activities.

By signing below, I acknowledge:

- My organization has provided me with specific educational materials including the CDC Concussion fact sheet (<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>) on what a concussion is and has given me an opportunity to ask questions. FACT sheets are different for Parents, Coaches, Players.
- I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE FACT SHEET on the CDC website for Parents and Players.
- I have fully disclosed to the staff any prior medical conditions and will also disclose any future conditions.
- There is a possibility that participation in my sport may result in a head injury and/or concussion. In rare cases, these concussions can cause permanent brain damage, and even death.
- A concussion is a brain injury, which I am responsible for reporting to the team physician, athletic trainer, coach, parent volunteer, or official.
- A concussion can affect my ability to perform everyday activities, and affect my reaction time, balance, sleep, and classroom performance.
- Some of the symptoms of concussion may be noticed right away while other symptoms can show up hours or days after the injury.
- If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I am responsible for reporting the injury to the staff.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a blow to the head or body that results in concussion related symptoms.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice until my symptoms have resolved AND I have written clearance to do so by a qualified health care professional.
- Following concussion the brain needs time to heal and you are much more likely to have a repeat concussion or further damage if you return to play before your symptoms resolve.

Based on the incidence of concussion as published by the CDC the following sports have been identified as high risk for concussion; baseball, basketball, diving, football, pole vaulting, soccer, softball, spirit line, wrestling, lacrosse, mixed martial arts, and rugby and cheer.

I represent and certify that I and my parent/guardian have read the entirety of this document and fully understand the contents, consequences and implications of signing this document and that I agree to be bound by this document.

Student Athlete:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or legal guardian must print and sign name below and indicate date signed.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL



Image Release – MINOR

ASSOCIATION NAME - _____

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of (insert child's name) _____, my minor child/ward being allowed to participate in any way, in the American Youth Football, Inc. ("AYF") (dba American Youth Football and American Youth Cheer,) national championships and any other official AYF events and activities, the undersigned agrees that American Youth Football Inc., is hereby granted the unrestricted right and permission, free from approval or review, to copyright and/or use my child's/ward's likeness in all media now or hereafter known, including but not limited to, pictures and videos of my child which he/she may be included intact or in part for promotion or other commercial use.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date Signed:
