



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**All Pop Warner volunteers and participants will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League, Region and/or National Pop Warner shall have the authority to impose a penalty including permanent removal from the program.**

- 1.) I will uphold all National & Local rules & regulations regarding Pop Warner Football & Cheer.
- 2.) I will accept the decisions of the LMHPW & be their spokesperson to my team and parents.
- 3.) I will not partake in the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, drug (legal or illegal) or any other illicit substances at any LMHPW sanctioned event. Further, I will not tolerate anyone under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or illegal substances around participants.
- 4.) I will not criticize, belittle, or question the ability or authority of any official, coach or volunteer of the Team, League, or Conference. I may however, offer genuine praise and thanks as a demonstration of good sportsmanship.
- 5.) I will control my emotions at games & events. I will not yell at or criticize players, coaches, parents, or officials.
- 6.) I will not question a referee's judgment or overall officiating ability.
- 8.) Coach/Parent Relationship: ***I will not pressure a coach to:***
  - a. Play my child at a certain position.
  - b. Play my child more than is required by the "Mandatory Play Rule".
  - c. Alter his/her coaching style, technique, or philosophy.
- 9.) Support the coach's decisions on my child's position, ensure they arrive on time for all team activities, address any behavioral concerns pointed out by the coach, and encourage them to embrace any position assigned.
- 10.) I agree all grievances, problems, questions, etc., will be discussed with a Team, League, or Conference official outside the presence of children, such as a personal meeting or telephone conversation. Official grievances will be submitted to LMHPW President in writing for further investigation.
- 11.) I will respect a Team, League, or Conference official's right NOT to communicate with me "on the spur of the moment" about issues not in the immediate best interests or safety of child participants.
- 12.) Whenever possible, I will volunteer my time and talents to support my child's participation in Team, League or Conference activities. This includes supporting and participating in league and team fundraising activities.
- 13.) I understand that all Team, League or Conference games, and practices, are competitive activities. However, they will endeavor to function under a "Recreational Philosophy", stressing sport as a FUN, HEALTHY activity to be participated for enjoyment, not solely for competitive advantage.
- 14.) I understand that a child is not guaranteed a team, coach, or division. I will further support the method and result of team formation within the League or Conference and understand that the decision of my child's placement on a team by the League or Conference is final.
- 15.) I agree to avoid any social media posts or messages intended to harm, intimidate, or defame players, coaches, officials, volunteers, or spectators. Negative or derogatory comments about PW members, volunteers, teams, or leagues will not be tolerated.
- 16.) Any parent or guardian displaying inappropriate behavior, including intimidation, verbal abuse, or harassment, will be removed immediately. Further disciplinary action may include a one-year event ban and potential suspension of their child from the program.
- 17.) Any adult who physically or verbally assaults an official, coach, volunteer, staff member or participant or threatens grave bodily harm may be banned from any and all La Mesa Highlanders Pop Warner events at a minimum of one year from the date of the offense, and their children may also be removed from any and all LMHPW programs for that same period of time. After the ban has expired, if the individual commits another offense of the adult code of conduct, the individual will be permanently banned from any and all LMHPW events and the individual's children may also be permanently removed from any and all Pop Warner programs. ***LMHPW reserves the right to suspend and/or remove any individuals from the program or its' events in order to ensure the safety of its members and uphold its mission.***

*To maintain a safe, fun environment, all parents, guardians, and attendees must act respectfully, courteously, and with good sportsmanship at all LMHPW events.*

**By signing this form, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to abide by the above stated code of conduct.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_