

Ritenour Huskies Jr Football / St. Louis Hurricanes Youth Football

Code of Conduct Form (2023)

Ritenour Huskies Jr Football & St. Louis Hurricanes Youth Football; Rock Road Football (RRFB) will not tolerate verbal abuse of its volunteer coaches from any Fan, Parent or Spectator.

Fans, parents, players and coaches, are expected to abide by a code of conduct at all RRFB 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 staff) 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, RRFB shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Fans shall:

- Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
- 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.
- Not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by voice or by gesture.
- Refrain from using physical or verbal abuse or profane language at any time at the game, practice field, or other RRFB functions.
- 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.
- Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of marijuana and or use of any marijuana substance(s) on or at any RRFB event, game and or practice(s).
- Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game.
- Not interfere/interrupt the coaching staff before, during or after games or at practice.
- 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:

- Any fan who 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.
- If the fan fails to leave upon request, the child may be suspended from further participation in team activities by the head coach.
- 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.
- 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

Athlete's Code

I will:

- emphasis the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show sportsmanship to my opponents and officials.
- Recognize and understand the football is a full contact sport.
- Be respectful to my coaches who are the instructional authority for my team.
- Discourage fans, fellow players and parents from undercutting our team's success.

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 dishonors or disrespects myself, my family, my team or my coaches.

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 RRFB make every game, practice, and or event a positive 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 staff.
- Intrude onto the field, stand on the sideline, or yell from the bleachers at or to the coaches, referees or administration.

I have read the *the Ritenour Huskies Jr Football / St. Louis Hurricanes (RRFB) CODE OF CONDUCT* and understand what is expected.

Player signature: _____ DATE: _____

Parent Signature: _____ DATE: _____