

TORRINGTON WARRIORS FOOTBALL & CHEER

2024 Parents Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I therefore agree:

- 1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
- 3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- 5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, board members and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- 6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, board member, or parent, including but not limited: booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
- 7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- 8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
- 10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- 11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- 12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- 14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at any time, and I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- 18. I will refrain from harassing any member of a coaching staff including team moms as well as any executive
- board member. Any form of harassment will not be tolerated.
- 19. I will attend all parent meetings and volunteer as needed.

Character, Athleticism, Teamwork, and Pride...



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I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- * Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head league organization
- * Written warning
- * Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organization
- * Parental season suspension

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand and comply to agree with the Parents Code of Conduct. I fully understand if I do not uphold them, I will be held accountable for my behavior. Any violations will result in immediate action by the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Executive Board.

Name (Print):
Date:
Signature:
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Date:_____

Signature:

Torrington Warriors Youth Football & Cheer Anti-Bullying Contract 2024

Bullying is an unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance between individuals with the intent to cause harm. In situations involving children, both those who are bullied and who bully others, many suffer serious, lasting problems.

Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Examples include: Teasing, name calling, taunting, and threatening to cause harm.

Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Examples include: Leaving someone out of the activity on purpose, telling others not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors about someone, embarrassing someone in public, posting embarrassing pictures, videos, rumors sent by email, text or social media sites.

Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Examples include hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, taking or breaking someone's things, making mean or rude hand gestures.

<u>Athletes, Parents, Coaches and Board</u> <u>members agree to the following:</u>

- I will NOT Bully teammates, parents, coaches, board members, or game officials.
- I will stand up for myself, walk away, or ask a teammate, parent, coach, or board member for help if a teammate, parent, coach or board member bothers me.
- Report bullying to a coach, a parent, or Torrington Warriors board member when you see it.
- Work together and treat others with respect so bullying does not happen.
- Report any cyberbullying to your parents, coach, or Torrington Warriors board member immediately.

Policy & Consequences:

(Applies to athletes, parents, coaches, and board members)

The Torrington Warriors board of directors will review all issues and make findings.

- Every attempt will be made to adequately investigate and fairly assess the severity of an alleged bullying incident. All parties involved will be kept informed and required to cooperate fully with Torrington Warriors to remedy the situation.
- Disciplinary actions for those individuals found to have violated the Anti-Bullying Contract
 - a. First offense verbal and written warning (athletes, parents, coaches, and board members)
 - b. Second offense game and practice suspension for 1 week
 - c. Third offense banned from participating in Torrington Warriors Football and Cheer

Athlete Signature	DATE	
Parent Signature	DATE	
Parent Signature	DATE	



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ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 1. Miss one practice in any week coach's discretion.
- 2. Miss one practice in any two consecutive weeks you play mandatory plays that week.
- Miss two practices in one week you play mandatory plays that week. 3.
- Miss two practices in consecutive weeks you cannot play that week. 4.
- 5. Miss three practices in one week you cannot play that week.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Attend all practices and games.
- Support the team in a positive manner (pick up teammates, never put them down).
- Players will not use alcohol and/or tobacco products. (violation will result in immediate suspension from league participation)
- Players will not use any illegal substance. (violation will result in immediate suspension from league participation)
- Players will conduct themselves in a respectful manner on and off the football field. (including school and other public places)
- Consistently display high standards of behavior. Always control your attitude, actions, and language while attending/participating in Torrington Warriors Football and Cheer games/events. Do not engage in abusive and/or profane verbal or gestured attacks, including "trash talking" or taunting, towards any participant, coach, fan, an opposing team or game official.
- Respect all teammates, always except the abilities of your teammates. Respect coach's, game officials, and league administrators.
- Accept responsibility for your own behavior and performance, and do not argue with coach's and/or game officials. Abide by a coach's and/or official's decision.
- Do not intentionally provoke unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Players will not deliberately use dirty tactics during games or practices.
- Keep track of all your equipment and uniforms. Do not damage or misuse equipment. Equipment must be turned in at the end of the season.

Any violation(s) of the code of conduct could result in a 1-2-week suspension or termination of league participation, which will be reviewed by the executive board of directors.

Signature below constitutes the acknowledgment and acceptance of the above Code of Conduct by the participant themselves, and parent/legal guardian of said participant:

Participant Signature Date Parent/Legal Guardian Date