

Rome Colts Pop Warner Football

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

We, Rome Colts Football, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents/guardians in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in our organization. As a parent/guardian of a player in the Rome Colts Football Organization, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, his/her team and the organization.

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
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

As a parent/guardian in the Rome Colts Football Organization, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

- I will adhere to the Rome Colts Football Zero Tolerance Policy. I will never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or weapons of any kind at practices, games, or other events.
- I understand that the use of **foul language** towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any **language or actions** with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the **immediate removal** from the practice, game, event or the organization.
- I will not post on any **social media site** with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the **immediate removal** from the organization. Furthermore, if I see anything of concern from or about an official, another Rome Colts Football coach, player or organization member on a social media site, I will immediately contact my child’s coach or the Rome Colts Football Board. As a parent, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child.
- I (**and my guests**) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- I will maintain self control at games, practices and other events.
- I (**and my guests**) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.

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- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- I will praise my child for playing hard, competing fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials and I will respect the referees and their decisions at all times.
- I will support the coaches allowing them to do their job by not coaching my child or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will not force my child to participate in football.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child or his/her team to win.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of disability, race, color, creed, gender, national origin, sexual preference, or religious preference.
- 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.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- 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.