



# Mountain Top League Sportsmanship Agreement

*Membership in the Mountain Top League is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. Participation in the program will require that players and parents accept certain responsibilities as outlined below.*

## **I. Commitment**

- a. Joining a team means making the commitment to be on time and at every scheduled event.
- b. If a player has a circumstance where a conflict exists, the coach MUST be notified in advance. Attendance is part of a player's performance.
- c. When there is no scheduled game or practice, it is recommended a player should practice or exercise, especially during the season, at least 15 minutes each day.

## **II. Stewardship**

- a. We are guests in all of the fields and gyms where we play. Clean your area before you leave.
- b. Players are to remain off the field/court when school teams are playing or practicing.
- c. No food or snacks are permitted during practices or games.
- d. Team benches are for players and coaches. All non-players must use the viewing area. Under no circumstances should a non-coach adult be in the team area unless specifically requested by the Head Coach.

## **III. Safety**

- a. Any flagrant or dangerous play will lead, at minimum, to a suspension for the duration of the game. Any fighting will lead, at minimum, to a suspension for the duration of the game and the following game.
- b. Do not move any player who is injured if you feel the injury is severe. Use caution and good judgment at all times.
- c. Inform the league and coach of any special need, limitation or medical condition that may affect a player's safety.
- d. We all will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.

## **IV. Respect**

- a. Communications from the league or coaches will be read and acknowledged. Parents and players must take responsibility for being informed.
- b. Game officials (referees, umpires) are in charge of game operations. There is no tolerance of arguments.
- c. No heckling, use of abusive language, distracting of opposing players by parents, coaches, or players is permitted.
- d. No foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches will be tolerated. Such behavior will be the basis for immediate ejection.
- e. Immediately following the end of each game, all players line up to shake hands with the opposing team (win or lose)
- f. Players will bring their own equipment (bats, mitts, balls, water bottles, etc) and not expect to take those of other players without permission. Please put player's name on his/her equipment.
- g. Parents will refrain from coaching their child or other players during games and practices, unless one of the official coaches of the team.
- h. Parents and players will never question or confront coaches at the game field, and will address any concerns with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

## **V. Supportive Environment**

- a. No tolerance for bullying of any kind; immediate suspension for any incident and possible removal from future participation.
- b. Equal treatment of players, coaches, officials and spectators without regard to race, religion, color, creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, nationality, age, marital status, citizenship status, etc.
- c. Parents will teach their child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- d. Parents will praise their child (and all players) for competing and trying hard, regardless of the outcome of the play or game. Emphasis is on practice, skill development and fun over winning, especially at the younger ages.

## **VI. Performance**

- a. Players should always try their best and contribute 100% effort.
- b. Players, parents and coaches should make themselves aware of all league rules and policies.
- c. During games, full team uniforms and equipment must be worn. For safety purposes, no jewelry can be worn during play.
- d. Although MTL is a developmental league, it is still a serious league where performance and improvement are basic expectations.

I will discuss these principles with my child so he/she understands their importance. If I serve as a coach, I promise to uphold the above principles within my team and speak up if necessary, so we can bring a safe, non-threatening and enjoyable arena for our children.

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Parent/Guardian/Coach Signature

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