



Mountain Top League -Sportsmanship Agreement
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Participation in the Mountain Top League (MTL) is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. Each 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 all scheduled events.
- b. If a player has a circumstance where a conflict exists, the coach **MUST** be notified in advance.
- c. Each player and parent must understand their attendance impacts all the other players and coaches involved in the program.

II. Stewardship

- a. We are guests at all of the fields and gyms where we play. The township is not responsible for cleaning up after us; all players, parents and volunteers in attendance are responsible for cleaning up the area before departing.
- b. Players are to remain off the field/court when school teams are playing or practicing.
- c. Team benches are for players and coaches. All non-players must use the designated 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 to, at minimum, a suspension for the duration of the game. All flagrant and/or dangerous play will be reviewed by the trustees to determine further consequences up to and including current removal and future prohibition from any and all MTL Programs.
- b. Any fighting will lead to, at minimum, a suspension for the duration of the game and from the following game. All fighting infractions will be reviewed by the trustees to determine further consequences up to and including current removal and future prohibition from any and all MTL Programs.
- c. Use caution and good judgment at all times.
- d. Inform the league and coach of any special need, limitation or medical condition that may affect a player's safety.
- e. MTL requires a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. All attendees will refrain from their use at all sporting events. Anyone using drugs, tobacco (including vaping), or alcohol will be asked to leave the event.

IV. Respect

- a. Game officials (referees, umpires) are in charge of game operations. There is no tolerance of arguing calls and/or questioning decisions made by the game officials.
- b. No heckling, use of abusive language, distracting of opposing players by parents, coaches, or players is permitted.



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- c. No foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches will be tolerated. Such behavior will lead to, at minimum, a suspension for the duration of the game. All foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches will be reviewed by the trustees to determine further consequences up to and including current removal and future prohibition from any and all MTL Programs.
- d. Immediately following the end of each game, all **players** must shake hands with the opposing 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. MTL will not tolerate bullying of any kind. Any bullying incident will lead to, at minimum, a suspension for the duration of the game. All bullying incidents will be reviewed by the trustees to determine further consequences up to and including removal and future prohibition from any and all MTL Programs.
- b. MTL is dedicated to the equal treatment of all players, coaches, officials and spectators without regard to race, religion, color, creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, nationality, age, marital status, or citizenship status.
- 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.

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.

By registering your child for a MTL program, you are agreeing to the Mountain Top League Sportsmanship Agreement. You will discuss these principles with your child so he/she understands their importance. If you serve as a coach, you promise to uphold the above principles within the team and speak up if necessary, so we can foster and maintain a safe, non-threatening and enjoyable experience for our children. In addition to the items listed above, MTL may reference and enforce any and all other sport specific codes of conduct (example: US Youth Soccer Code of Conduct, USA Hockey Code of Conduct, etc...)