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Code of Conduct 2010

The Haywood Mountaineers Youth Football & Cheerleading League (hereafter referred to as the “LEAGUE”) requires that the following Code of Conduct shall apply to ALL PARTICIPANTS/MEMBERS in our programs. This includes participants, coaches, board of directors, volunteers and parents in attendance at games, practices or events.

The LEAGUE shall in all instances related thereunto be guided by the core values of **SAFETY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP and FAIR PLAY**. All participants/members are expected to exhibit behavior that adheres to these core values at all times, in an activity or situation that is related to the LEAGUE.

Participants:

Violations by participants/members shall include but are not limited to:

- The use of alcohol or tobacco or illegal drugs on or off the field as mandated by School Board Policies or N.C. State Laws
- Misuse or non-return of LEAGUE uniforms, equipment, or other LEAGUE owned items
- Misuse or damage to locations used for practices, games or events
- Profanity or inappropriate language, behavior, or apparel
- Taunting, hazing or any other degrading activity
- Arguing or showing disrespect to other participants/members

Violations of the above may result in a verbal and/or written warning (1st offense); suspension (2nd offense); and/or expulsion (3rd offense)

Adults:

- At any LEAGUE event, activity, practice, game, or competition, any adult who: 1) verbally abuses; 2) attempts to intimidate; 3) is flagrantly rude; 4) cannot control their language or actions with an official, coach, Participant, volunteer or fellow parent, will be asked to leave the event. He or she will receive a written warning regarding their behavior. In addition, his or her child(ren) will be immediately removed from that LEAGUE event.
- Any adult who commits a second, similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season, will be banned from attending LEAGUE events for the remainder of the season. If this should occur, the LEAGUE will refund registration monies pro-rated based on the percentage of the season remaining upon return of all LEAGUE uniforms and equipment in good condition.
- Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, Participant, fellow parent or volunteer will be banned from LEAGUE participation and their child removed from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the offense. Upon the culmination of the 1-year suspension, parents may reapply for re-instatement of their child(ren). If the adult commits a subsequent offense, he or she will be permanently banned from participating in the LEAGUE with no opportunity for appeal.
- The term “physical assault” includes, but is not limited to: hitting, striking, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or the usage of any physical implement as a weapon.
- Parents/fans are prohibited from being on the playing field/sidelines during practice/games unless they are a coach appointed volunteer serving a specific purpose.
- Failure to pick-up your child in a timely manner after any LEAGUE practice, game or event may result in board review for disciplinary action.

The board of directors and/or a board-appointed investigatory subcommittee may review any Code of Conduct infractions, violations or incidences as outlined above. All suspensions and/or expulsions will be at the sole discretion of the board of directors. Head Coaches may give recommendations for punishment or sanctions for Participants who commit a “first-offense” violation or infraction of the Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the LEAGUE Code of Conduct and by signing it agree to abide by it.

Participant Name:	Participant Signature:	Date:
Parent Name:	Parent Signature:	Date:
Head Coach:	Team:	Date:

A copy of this form must be maintained on file with the LEAGUE Board of Directors during the course of the season it pertains to. Head Coaches must also maintain a copy of all signed Code of Conduct forms, for each Participant on their roster, for the course of the season. Any violation of the LEAGUE may be subject to executive board review and/or may result in disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from LEAGUE participation. Any Participant charged with violating the Code of Conduct shall be given full course of due process if he or she so chooses. Participants and their parents have the right to request a meeting with LEAGUE board members about any situation they feel merits review or discussion.