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2024 PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

(Copy - Original signed in person)

The Marengo Union Junior Tackle Football Club (hereinafter, "The Club") is dedicated to promoting health, fitness, teamwork, academics, and good sportsmanship for all athletes and their coaches affiliated with The Club. All coaches and representatives for The Club are expected to maintain the highest standards in sportsmanship and to display these standards, for the benefit of the team and the sport of football. I understand the following Player Code of Conduct is an effort to build team unity, respect from others and to protect the well-being of The Club. I understand that failure to follow this code may result in immediate removal, written warning or suspension, from The Club and any other actions deemed appropriate by the Director of Coaching and the Board of Directors. If I refuse to sign this document I will not be allowed to participate in "The Club".

1. I will play for the fun of it, not to please parents or coaches.
2. I will never allow negative aspects to enter my game.
3. I will play by the rules.
4. I will accept success and failure, victory and defeat with good grace and without excessive display of emotions.
5. I will respect the ability of my opponents because without them there would be no game, and I will shake hands after each game regardless of the outcome.
6. I will notify my coach if I cannot attend a practice or game.
7. I will never argue with or complain about the referee's calls or decisions.
8. I will control my temper and most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate.
9. I will not attempt to hurt anybody with words or actions.
10. I will concentrate on playing football and on affecting the outcome of the game with my best effort. I will work equally hard for my team and for myself.
11. I will exhibit good sportsmanship by cheering all good plays, whether they are my team's or my opponent's.
12. I will treat all players, coaches and referees the way I would like to be treated; with respect.
13. I will cooperate with my teammates, coaches, opponents and the referees.
14. I will keep my behavior in check during school and try my best on all school work.
15. I will never forget that I am representing The Club and the NIFC and I will take care of the facilities and equipment provided. Sporting The Club jersey is a privilege, not a right and I intend to sport it proudly with utmost respect.

Sportsmanship is: Moral behavior in sports. There is more to sportsmanship than simply being nice. You also have to understand why some actions are right or wrong. Sportsmanship is a learned behavior. It does not happen by itself.