

Merritt Island Sports Association, Inc.

Merritt Island Pop Warner

2008

Code of Conduct

Objective

This Code of Conduct is established to provide consistency in the rules for how coaches, players, cheerleaders and parents are to conduct themselves on and off the field while representing Merritt Island Pop Warner. In addition, this Code of Conduct establishes rules for disciplinary action if this code is broken.

These rules are written to serve as general framework of Merritt Island Sports Association, Inc.'s (MISA) also known as Merritt Island Pop Warner, expectations of its coaches, players, cheerleaders and parents and are not intended to include all issues that might be considered improper conduct.

These codes are established by the MISA Board of Directors and may be changed by the MISA Board at any time with a vote of the Board of Directors.

Code of Conduct-Coaches/Parents

At any Pop Warner event, practice or competition, any adult who: verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude, uses inappropriate or vulgar language or actions with an official, coach, or Pop Warner volunteer will be asked to leave the Pop Warner event. He or she will receive a written warning regarding their behavior. His or her child(ren) will be immediately removed from the Pop Warner event. This adult will be on probation for 1 year.

Any adult that commits a second similar offense will be banned from Pop Warner events for the remainder of that season and their child(ren) removed from Pop Warner for the remainder of that season. Association will not refund registration monies.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach or Pop Warner volunteer or is found to endanger a juvenile, cheating, gambling or obstruction will be banned from Pop Warner and their child removed from the Pop Warner program for one year from the date of the offense. The child(ren) may not participate in another Pop Warner Association during the sanction period. After one year, the parent may apply for re-instatement of his or her child. If the adult commits a second offense, he or she will be permanently banned from Pop Warner and the child(ren) permanently removed from Pop Warner. Note: The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way any part of the body or any physical implement.

A probation or suspension may be appealed to the MISA Board of Directors as found in their By-Laws.

Possession and/or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on premises of any MISA sanctioned function are prohibited.

Coaches cannot assist in or suggest weight loss programs or techniques to MISA players for the purpose of making a roster. Coaches cannot actively recruit players for a specific MISA team.

Coaches are not allowed to manipulate the roster thru injury status, disciplinary action, etc. for the purpose of improving the roster for games.

Code of Conduct-Players/Cheerleaders

Academic eligibility must be obtained thru honest and ethical methods. Failure to follow this rule will result in suspension from MISA.

Missing practice for reasons other than illness or academic (must be granted in advance of missed practice) priority will result in the player not starting the next game. A second offense will result in the player not playing the next game. Continued absences will result in removal of the player from the MISA roster for that season.

Repeated violations of this code will result in disciplinary action against the player. The player's first offense will be resolved by the player's coach as a team disciplinary issue. The player's second offense will be resolved by the MISA Commissioner and the third offense will be resolved by the MISA Board of Directors.

The following are considered disciplinary violations and must be resolved by the coach in an equitable and reasonable manner (discipline should fit the violation and the discipline must be administered fairly to all players).

- Lying
- Use of profanity
- Poor sportsmanship
- Fighting outside of the context of football
- Wearing game uniform to practice
- Late for practice
- Throwing helmet
- Disrespectful behavior
- Suspension from school
- Conduct violation from school

The following actions of a player will result in immediate removal of the player from the MISA roster.

- Use of alcohol or drugs or any form of tobacco
- Criminal act
- Making inappropriate comments (includes crude or sexually suggestive comments or gestures) to another person.

MISA Code of Conduct Commitment Statement

I will.....

- Remember that I am at a contest to support and yell for my team and to enjoy the skill and competition.
- Never intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- Remember that athletics are learning experiences and that mistakes are sometimes made.
- Praise athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as athletes and as people.
- Understand that admission to MISA events is a privilege to observe the contest and not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game to understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect to the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the team.
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the rule of good sportsmanship to that end.

Print Name-Parent

Print Name-Player

Signature of Parent

Signature of Player

Date