



# UPPER MERION YOUTH VIKINGS FOOTBALL & CHEER

## Parents & Guardians Codes of Conduct

**All Parents or Guardians shall abide by the KPFA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions listed herein.**

**In this document, the terms parent/guardian/adult are used interchangeably.**

1. Encourage your child to follow all KPFA rules, practice good sportsmanship, and to be a good student at school as well as in their sport. Show your interest in their participation by attending as many practices and games as possible and support their ambitions.
2. Please make sure your child arrives on time and has transportation home promptly after all practices and games. Notify your child's coaches or team staff in advance if your child is going to miss practice or games for any reason.
3. Support the KPFA organization and our children by participating in all fundraisers and volunteer your time wherever it is needed.
4. Always be positive to all players/coaches/referees/parents/spectators and children. Treat the visiting team opponents in a courteous manner at all times. Set a good example by your actions and behavior even in difficult situations. Our Parent members are responsible for the behavior of their guests at KPFA practices, games and functions.
5. Place the emotional and physical well-being of your child ahead of any personal desires to win.
6. At no time will the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs be permitted at games or practices. Any parent that attends a practice or game in an impaired state shall be subject to removal from said practice or game and further disciplinary action may be taken by the KPFA.
7. Smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited on the field and sidelines. Please refrain from smoking directly around the children.
8. The use of profane and abusive language is prohibited at any practices, games, or KPFA functions
9. Parents shall not verbally or physically abuse any child, other parents, spectators, referees or coaches at any KPFA functions.
10. Do not criticize Coaches, Team Staff, Participants or the KPFA organization in front the children or other members. If you feel a problem exists, you are encouraged to speak with the Coach, Team Staff, or the Board of Directors of the KPFA, in private, and at an appropriate time.

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11. During Games, all parents must stay behind the sideline rope barrier and shall not go onto the sidelines or playing field at any time. The only exceptions to this rule are the coaches and team staff, volunteer members assigned to the chain gang or media group or KPFA Board Members. During practices Coaches shall indicate rules for allowing parents onto the sidelines or field.
12. If a parent is working the chains during the game, the parent may not verbally dispute official's rulings or disrupt the game in any way. You may not talk to the other team's members or the Pop Warner officials unless spoken to. Please realize you are acting as a representative of KPFA and behave in a professional manner at all times.
13. The parent/guardians will refrain from sideline coaching of players. This may confuse the players and is counterproductive. If you have questions, comments or remarks about what you child is being taught, you are encouraged to speak with the coach after the practice or game.
14. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may discipline any adult members for breaking any of the above mentioned codes of conduct. Disciplinary action (see KPFA disciplinary Policy) can range from barring from individual practices or games and up to permanent expulsion (for parent and child participants) from the KPFA organization and the forfeiture of all registration fees.
15. Parent/Guardians are responsible to review with and ensure that their child understands and agrees to uphold the Player/Cheerleader Code of Conduct.
16. This code of conduct is only valid for the current KPFA season. You must sign and submit a copy of this code of conduct to the KPFA organization in order for your child to participate for the current season.

If you need to contact your coaches or staff, phone #s are available to all members by request from Team Moms and are listed in the Coaches Corner section of the [www.umyouthfootball.com](http://www.umyouthfootball.com) website.

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**Please fill out this page and return to your Child's Coach or any KPFA Board Member prior to start of the season.**

-----**(tear off and return to KPFA)**-----

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print name] have read and agree to abide by and uphold the KPFA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct.

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Signature:

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Date:

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Children's Names and Teams:

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