

## **Players & Cheerleaders Codes of Conduct:**

Have FUN participating in your sport. Enjoy yourself. Be proud that you are a Upper Merion Viking Football Player or Cheerleader.

WORK HARD to improve your skills. Listen, ask questions, and watch others to see how you can better your skills.

Be a TEAM PLAYER - get along with your teammates. Appreciate the contribution each person makes to the team. Never do anything that in any way makes another person feel badly about themselves. Help others improve with encouragement.

Learn TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, and DISCIPLINE, key skills to life long success.

Be on time for ALL practices and games, and be both mentally and physically prepared at the start of each practice and game.

Learn the rules, and play by them. Always show good sportsmanship and set a positive example for others, particularly younger players.

Show RESPECT by your actions for Coaches, Team Staff, your Teammates, Parents, Opponents and Officials.

Never argue with the official's decision or the coach's decision. Learn to WIN with grace and LOSE with dignity.

## **Appropriate Behavior:**

Listen to the coaches and team staff when they are giving you instructions. Listen to the officials when you are on the field. Failure to do so will result in benching for that day. Repeated infractions will result in dismissal from the team.

Any behavior that reflects poorly on the team during any official team function will result in immediate disciplinary action as decided by the coaches and the Board of Directors.

Unexcused lateness or absences may result in automatic benching. Communicate with your coaches or Team Staff in advance. Always call (or have an adult call) your coach/team staff whenever you are absent from practice.

SMOKING, DRINKING ALCOHOL OR THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE TEAM.

The following behavior is strictly prohibited and may result in suspension from your team: Fighting, destroying UM Viking property, destroying Township property, lying, stealing, cheating, or in any way refusing to follow appropriate instructions from your coaches.

## **Players & Cheerleaders Pledge:**

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I will try my hardest to succeed on the field and in the classroom. My school work is as important as what I do on the field.

I will strive to treat other players, coaches, other vikings, and officials with respect (in my actions and language) regardless of race, sex, creed, sexual orientation or ability.

I pledge that I will not cheat or steal, as these do not reflect respect for rules or other's property, nor does it build good character.

I hereby pledge to uphold the principles of good character, responsibility, sportsmanship, fair play, leadership, and respect for rules and regulations.

This code of conduct will only be valid for the current season and must be signed in order to participate within the KPFA organization.

Member prior to start of the season.	
Signature:	Date:

Please fill out this page and return to your Child's Coach or any KPFA Board

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