Parent/Spectator/Player Information and Guidelines

Parent and Spectator Guidelines

1. Parents and spectators are expected to ENCOURAGE players through positive talk and reinforcement.

2. Chants or comments that are negative, distracting or derogatory to ANY player, manager, coach, or official are prohibited.

3. Officials have the authority to halt play, and if necessary, eject players, coaches or spectators who are negative, distracting, derogatory and/or engage in any other unsportsman-like conduct.

4. Please watch for safety concerns during games and practices to help prevent injuries. This includes watching your children in the stands and/or surrounding area.

5. Please pick up all trash after each game and practice. Our playing and practice fields are ours to maintain and keep clean. Please be responsible and help in any way you can. In addition, the league cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced personal items.

6. Smoking/vaping, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs are prohibited by Mount Horeb and Barneveld Public Schools on any school owned or club property.

7. Parents and Coaches are expected to set an example of good sportsmanship at all times by positively encouraging ALL players and not vocally questioning or criticizing official's calls or coaching decisions.

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Parents Code of Ethics and Behavior Policy

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other MHBYF event.

2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to WIN.

3. I will insist my child play in a safe, healthy, and positive environment.

4. I will provide support for all coaches and officials working with my child to promote a positive, enjoyable learning experience for all the children.

5. I will demand a drug and alcohol free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all practice and game events.

6. I will do my very best to make youth football fun for my child; remembering the game is for the children and their enrichment.

7. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

8. I will promise to help my child enjoy the MHBYF sports experience within my personal constraints by being a positive role model, a respectful fan, and a responsible parent assisting the league as I am capable.

9. I will not post on any social media platform during the current season that they are participating into the extent that such content is related to MHBYF, bullying, bad mouthing coaches, game officials, other parents, other children, volunteers, and all incidents related to games in which you feel something was mishandled or not in your child's or their team's favor. If you wouldn't say it in front of the coach, with your student-athlete in attendance, don't say it online.

MOST IMPORTANT:

Remember that it is only a youth sport. Please don't let a momentary lapse in judgment embarrass or have a negative effect on your child.

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Policy Violations

1. All parents, fans, and spectators will be held accountable under the above guidelines/policy.

2. Any suspected violation may be reported to a member of the MHB Youth Football Board. The parent or spectator in question may be asked to leave and may be suspended from attending future events.

3. For any witnessed or confirmed violation, the offender is subjected to the authority of MHB Youth Football Board. This may include verbal warnings and/or ejection from practices and/or games. Punishment will last until participation is approved by the MHBYF Board.

4. If someone is asked to leave an event, the MHBYF Board will review and discuss the offense and may need to speak to the individual prior to him/her returning to the next scheduled game and/or practice.

5. The MHBYF Board shall have the authority to monitor and enforce the social media policy. The Board shall have the authority to remove or suspend any student-athlete from a team for any inappropriate or offensive comments posted on any platform of social media by a parent or student athlete during the current season. No refund will be given.

6. If continued problems persist throughout the year, legal action will be taken.

7. Parents or student-athletes that do not meet the criteria listed in this policy may be asked not to return to the program in future seasons. If deemed necessary by the MHBYF Board.

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Player Eligibility

1. Parents are to monitor players academic eligibility. All players must maintain a **C AVERAGE** with no failing classes.

2. Parents are to monitor player's behavioral eligibility. Any player suspended from school will abide by Mount Horeb or Barneveld School sports eligibility rules but may be subjected to additional team suspension as determined by the MHBYF Board on a case by case basis.
    a. The MHBYF Board must remain consistent with punishments throughout a season. The below guidelines are written to assist with eligibility of players if a school punishment is known.
        i. DETENTIONS: May result in a one-game, one-half (two quarter) suspension.
        ii. SUSPENSIONS: May result in a one-game (four quarter) suspension.
        iii. OTHER VIOLATIONS: May results in a one-game (four quarter) suspension, as determined by the MHBYF Board.

3. Parents will inform their player's coach of any academic or behavioral eligibility concerns in a timely manner. Parents or players who avoid disclosing eligibility information may be subjected to team suspension at the discretion of MHBYF Board.

4. Parents will monitor player's social media platforms during the current season to the extent that such content is related to MHBYF, bullying, bad mouthing coaches, game officials, other parents, other children, volunteers, and all incidents related to games which they feel something was mishandled or not in their or their team's favor.

MHB Youth Football and the Mount Horeb and Barneveld School districts have the final authority on all matters regarding participating coaches, players, parents, and spectators.

All student-athletes must remember that they represent more than themselves during a season. They represent our club, our culture, our board, our coaches, and their teammates.

If punishments are handed to players, coaches, and/or spectators, it is not a reflection of them as a person, as we must hold ourselves and our community to a common standard.

Respect, attitude, and effort means everything at MHB Youth Football.

We expect our athletes to hold themselves in the highest regard at all times.