

## GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The opportunity to participate in the Everest Youth Football League is extended to all sixth and seventh graders in the D.C. Everest School District who are willing to assume certain responsibilities. All participants are expected to act in a manner that generates respect for themselves, their families, the League, their teams and the communities involved. They are expected to:

1. Display high moral and ethical standards.
2. Exemplify good sportsmanship.
3. Show respect for others.
4. Accept academic responsibilities.
5. Abide by and promote League rules.
6. Meet all League eligibility rules.

### **Code of Conduct:**

Training rules are established for the best interest of the athletes and the team. The athlete who complies with these rules demonstrates a desire to dedicate himself/herself to self-improvement. The athlete also thereby enhances the best interest of fellow teammates, coaches, the League and the communities from which they come. The following training rules must be observed by all Players:

1. Refrain from any conduct which would reflect unfavorably on any of the parties identified above, including any displays of disrespect for parents, teachers, coaches, referees and other adults or peers.
2. Refrain from any form of drug abuse.
3. Refrain from any purchase, possession or use of alcohol.
4. Refrain from any purchase, possession or use of tobacco.
5. Uphold the highest standards of morals and ethics.
6. Abide by the curfews established by coaches or the League.

Any Player reported for a violation of any of these rules will be required to appear before the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee will determine if the Player can continue an association with the League and under what terms. Except for extraordinary circumstances, violations of rules 2, 3 and 4 will result in expulsion from the League.

### **Sportsmanship:**

- I. All Coaches, Players and Parents/Spectators are expected to

exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship.

II. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct** will be defined as follows and will result in a fifteen (15) yard penalty.

A. Coaches, Players and Parents/Spectators:

1. Verbally abusing any League **Official**.
2. Physically contacting any League **Official**.
3. Using profane or foul language.
4. Ignoring a warning issued by an **Official**.
5. Upstaging an **Official's** judgment call.
6. Cheering the injury of an opposing player.

B. Players and Parents/Spectators:

1. Verbally abusing any **Coach**.
2. Physically abusing any **Coach**.
3. Upstaging a **Coach**.

C. Coaches and Players:

Failure to meet the opposing team in the middle of the field to shake hands and extend congratulations.

III. All persons associated with the League (Coaches, Players and Parents/Spectators) will be subject to the following **penalties** for unsportsmanship:

- A. 1st Offense: Expulsion from Game and One Week Suspension.
- B. 2nd Offense: Suspension for the Balance of the Year. If an offending Parent/Spectator will not comply with the expulsion/suspension, then the Coaches and other parents are expected to assist in convincing him/her to comply.

The expulsions from the game are immediate actions taken by the Game Officials. (It is expected that the Coaches and other Parents will assist the Officials, if needed.) The Officials will report, in writing, all expulsions to the Executive Committee, via any Executive Committee member. Included in the report will be the expelled person's name and the circumstances surrounding the expulsion. The Executive Committee will retain the reports throughout the year to determine if a second offense has occurred. If so, the Executive Committee will contact the offending party and inform him/her of the season-long suspension.