**QUAKER VALLEY MIDGET FOOTBALL AND CHEER**

**MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Preamble**

The purpose of The Quaker Valley Midget Football and Cheerleading organization (“QVMFC” or “the Organization”) is to provide development and instruction in youth football and youth cheerleading in the Quaker Valley area. The Organization aims to promote discipline, dedication, teamwork, respect, safety, good sportsmanship, and community spirit, and encourages both athletic and academic achievement for its players and cheerleaders. QVMFC is a proud member of the Quaker Valley Community and promotes the involvement of players and cheerleaders in the community.

QVMFC Members are all parents or guardians having a child or children registered to participate in QVMFC’s program (“the Program”). All Members of the Organization are expected to subscribe to the same goals and purposes of the Organization and to act in accordance with them. As a Member of the Organization, you agree to abide by the Member Code of Conduct.

Members are encouraged to actively support their children’s growth, development, and participation in the Program in a healthy and conducive manner. Members are invited and encouraged to participate, in all activities of the Organization, including volunteering, fundraisers and monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Member Requirements**

QVMFC Members are **required** to do the following:

* Ensure that your player or cheerleader (“Athlete”) attends all scheduled practices and games. If your Athlete will be absent from a practice or game, you must timely notify the Head Coach.
* Attend an annual Member meeting that will take place during the first week of football/cheer camp.
* Sign the Member Code of Conduct and return within one week of receiving. Failure to sign the Member Code of Conduct will result in your Athlete’s removal from the Program.
* Support the coaches and their decisions. Members should maintain an open line of communication with their Athlete’s coaches. Concerns or issues with a coach should first be discussed with the Head Coach. This should be done at the right time and place and not in front of the players or cheerleaders. It is not acceptable to approach a coach during practices or games to discuss coaches’ decisions.
* Volunteer at minimum of two QVMFC home games. Volunteer opportunities include: concessions, game day fundraisers, sticks, announcers, gates, and oranges.
* Pay registrations fees in full or establish a payment plan and return required registration forms by end of first week of football/cheer camp.
* Reimburse the Organization for any fees incurred as a result of any check returned to QVMFC for insufficient funds.
* Take responsibility for their actions and demonstrate self control during all QVMFC events.

**Member Prohibitions**

QVMFC Members are **prohibited** from engaging in or encouraging any of the following conduct (including by use of voice, mail, email, social media posts, telephone, the internet, or any other mode of communication):

* Abusing, lashing out, threatening, demeaning, harassing, or intimidating any player, cheerleader, Member, coach, Director, game official, opponent, or spectator.
* Harming minors physically, verbally, or emotionally.
* Using profanity or offensive language at any QVMFC-related event.
* Uploading, posting, emailing, transmitting, or otherwise making available any QVMFC content that is not first approved by the QVMFC Board of Directors.
* Interfering with or disrupting QVMFC’s coaching staff.
* Disobeying any requirements, procedures, policies or regulations of the Tri State Football League, QVMFC, or away game facilities.
* Acting in any manner inconsistent with the purpose and/or goals of the Organization.

**Removal of a QVMFC Member**

Any violation of the Member Code of Conduct may result in the removal of the Member or the Member’s Athlete from the Organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors. Following a vote for removal, the QVMFC Member will be notified by formal letter of the decision and the reasons for removal.

**\*I have read and understand all of the above, and as a QVMFC Member, I hereby agree to abide by the QVMFC Member Code of Conduct.**

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