## Union Grove Youth Football Organization Participant (Player) Code of Conduct As acknowledged in Registration Form

Playing for UGYFO requires a commitment to one's self and one's team. To be most effective, players must be dedicated to practicing, working hard, and performing the responsibilities of a player on and off the field.

When a youth player puts on their Union Grove football jersey, they are representing themselves, the program, the High School Football program and the community in general. High profile representation such as this requires a player to behave in a manner that reflects positively on their selves, their team, the program and the community. The rules and expectations are not any different for parents.

## PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. I will abide by the rules of the activity I represent.
- 2. School shall take precedence over any sports related activity. I will study hard.
- 3. I will participate in every practice/game except for illness, injury, or academics.
- 4. If I must miss a practice/game, I will contact my coach as soon as possible.
- 5. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- 6. I understand that I am on a team and will be a team player.
- 7. I will not be critical of teammates and never discuss teammate's abilities except to encourage good team work.
- 8. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- 9. I will not use foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials, or others I may compete against.
- 10. I will ensure my uniform and my other gear is complete, safe, and in good condition at all times, to include my water bottle.
- 11. In any competitive aspect of my activity, I understand that winning isn't always important. Doing my best at all times is important.
- 12. I will conduct myself in a dignified manner at all times when in the company of my team.
- 13. I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- 14. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

- 15. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- 16. I will remember that youth football is an opportunity to learn and have fun. I deserve to have fun during my football experience and will alert my parents and coaches if it stops being fun.

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth football experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Code of Conduct.

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