



# RAPIDS RAPTORS YOUTH FOOTBALL SPORTS ETHICS POLICY

The Rapids Raptors Youth Football Association’s program stresses learning lessons of value far beyond playing football or cheerleading. Values such as self discipline, teamwork, concentration, friendship, leadership and good sportsmanship are stressed. With such goals in mind and by providing an opportunity for participation in an organized, supervised environment with emphasis on athletics and academics, Rapids Raptor football and cheerleading offer young boys and girls a unique experience. The following guidelines define the ethical standards for all who are involved in the Rapids Raptors Youth Football program:

### Parents:

1. Coaches are responsible for the behavior and performance of the members of their team. Parents shall not interfere, argue with or otherwise be critical to the board or the coaching staff in a public place or in front of the team members. Any critical conversations should be done in private with courtesy and respect. If a problem occurs, parents should discuss the problem in person with their teams head coach, if the problem cannot be resolved, then a member of the board of directors should be included to resolve the issue.
2. Parents and Coaches should be a positive and supportive influence on all children in the program.
3. Parents and Coaches must keep in mind the ages of the children involved in the program and remember that this is not high school, college or professional football or cheerleading. Children must be encouraged to do their best, whatever the level of performance that may be.
4. Association officials, coaches, volunteers or parents who jeer, taunt, make verbal or physical threats or use profanity toward players, league officials, referees or their own counterparts from other associations and teams shall be asked to leave the activity whether at a practice or game. A verbal warning will be given, then a written warning. If the action continues, their participation in the program shall be terminated.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Date

### Football Players/Cheerleaders:

The Rapids Raptors Youth Football Association wants you to learn not only the fundamentals of football or cheerleading, but also the importance of education for the development of a sound mind, body and character. As a young person participating in this program I promise:

1. To do my best in school and make every effort to maintain the highest grade I am capable of achieving. I understand that if I do not keep up my grades I will lose the privilege of participating in this program.
2. To do my best on the field, be a good sport, encourage my team mates and concentrate on teamwork, friendship, leadership and good sportsmanship.

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Player/Cheerleader’s Signature

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Date