



# OAK RIDGE JUNIOR TROJANS

## FOOTBALL AND CHEER

### PARENTS - CODE OF CONDUCT

We are a “feeder” organization for Oak Ridge High School. The objective of ORJT is to teach and develop all participants equally in football and cheerleading skills, while implanting the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, courage, loyalty and respect for one’s self and others.

I/We therefore agree:

1. I/We will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I/We will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I/We will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I/We (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, officials and spectators at any practice or other sporting event. In addition, I will refrain from making disparaging remarks about any ORJT member verbally, written or on any social media site.
5. I/We (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, athlete, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I/We will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
7. I/We will encourage my child to address their coach prior to directing conflicts to parents or teammates.
8. I/We will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I/We will demand that my child treat other athletes, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability and have a ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying behavior.
10. I/We will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
11. I/We will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
12. I/We will never ridicule or yell at my child or other athlete for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I/We will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I/We will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I/We will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and unless deemed an issue with safety, will wait 24 hours prior to discussing issues with coaches and/or board members.
16. I/We will respect and trust in my child’s coach’s judgement and will in no way attempt to influence my child’s position on the team, playing time or coaches decisions.
17. I/We will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
18. I/We will refrain from coaching my child or other athletes during practices, games, or competitions, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
19. I/We will not purchase or wear any spirit wear with illegal or unapproved use of the ORJT or ORHS logo. Those wearing such spirit wear at any event may be asked to leave.
20. I/We will not design, replicate, or sell any spirit wear that uses the ORJT or ORHS logo. All designs for spirit wear or printed materials must be submitted to the VP of Operations for approval.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or director
- Written warning
- Parental season probation
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by ORJT
- Parental season suspension
- Failing to abide by any of the above items may put my child’s ability to participate at risk
- Other discipline as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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