

## COMMITMENT PLEDGE

### Decatur Youth Football Player Commitment Pledge

I hereby pledge to provide commitment, care, and encouragement for my team and myself by following this Player Commitment Pledge:

1. I will play for the fun of it, not to please any parents or coaches.
2. I will never allow negative aspects to enter my game.
3. I will always play by the rules.
4. I will accept success and failure, victory and defeat with good grace and without excessive display of emotions.
5. I will respect the ability of my opponents because without them there would be no game, and I will **ALWAYS** shake hands after each game regardless of the outcome.
6. I will notify my coach if I cannot attend a practice or a game.
7. I will never argue with or complain about the referee's calls or decisions.
8. I will control my temper and, most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate.
9. I will not attempt to hurt anyone with my words or my actions.
10. I will concentrate on playing Football and on affecting the outcome of the game with my best effort. I will work equally hard for my team and for myself.
11. I will exhibit good sportsmanship by cheering all good plays, whether they are my teams or my opponent's.
12. I will treat all players the way I would like to be treated.
13. I will NOT use social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) as a place to tease, taunt, bully, or harass other players, their parents, my coaches, or anyone else (using words or uploaded pictures). If I have a problem with someone, I will tell my coach.
14. I will cooperate with my teammates, coaches, opponents and the referee.
15. I will never forget that I am representing Decatur Youth Football and I will take care of the facilities and equipment provided.

Sportsmanship is: Moral behavior in sports. There is more to sportsmanship than simply being nice. You also have to understand why some actions are right or wrong. Sportsmanship is a learned behavior. It does not happen by itself.

Player's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: In order to participate in Decatur Youth Football Program, this form must be signed and dated. Failure of the player to read and sign the Players Commitment will automatically render the player ineligible to participate in activities home or away. In addition, by signing this player commitment, players agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Violation of any of the guidelines set forth above will automatically render the player unable to participate or attend any Decatur Youth Football sponsored event (home or away).