## **Decatur Youth Football Parent's Commitment Pledge**

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

- 1. Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- 2. Support your coach and refrain from excessive "sideline coaching" from the stands.
- 3. Refrain from using profanity.
- 4. Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of player's health and injuries and physical ability to play.
- 5. Accept the decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials. Parents must stay off the field and remain under control to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- 6. Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team by words or gestures.
- 7. Support the coaches, players, and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- 8. Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the complex. Repeat offenses will result in begin barred from future games and league-sponsored activities.
- Parents will not encourage their child or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials, or any other attendee.

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

Parent or Guardian's signature:		
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Name Printed:	Date:	
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Note: 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).