

Mount Horeb/Barneveld Youth Football  
Parental Information and Guidelines

**2019 GUIDELINES**

1. Parents and spectators are expected to ENCOURAGE players through positive cheering.
2. Chants or comments that are negative, distracting or derogatory to ANY player, manager, coach or officials are prohibited.
3. Officials have the authority to halt play and, if necessary, eject players, coaches or spectators who are negative, distracting, derogatory and/or engage in any other unsportsmanlike-like conduct.
4. Please watch for safety concerns during games/practices to help prevent injuries. This includes watching your other children in the stands or surrounding area.
5. Please pick up all of your and your children's trash after each game or practice. Our playing and practice fields are ours to maintain and keep clean. Please be responsible and help in any way you can. In addition, the league cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced personal items.
6. Smoking, Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are prohibited by Mount Horeb and Barneveld Public Schools on any school owned property.
7. Parents and Coaches are expected to set an example of good sportsmanship at all times by positively encouraging ALL players and not vocally question or criticize official's calls or coaching decisions.

**PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS/BEHAVIOR POLICY**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other MHB event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to WIN.
3. I will insist my child play in a safe, healthy and positive environment.
4. I will provide support for all coaches and officials working with my child to promote a positive, enjoyable learning experience for all the children.
5. I will demand a drug and alcohol-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all practice and game events. (Smoking allowed in appropriate areas- off school owned property)
6. I will do my very best to make youth football fun for my child; remembering the game is for the children and their enrichment.
7. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
8. I will promise to help my child enjoy the MHB sports experience within my personal constraints by being a positive role model, a respectful fan and a responsible parent assisting the league as I am capable.
9. I will not post on any social media platform during the current season that they are participating in to the extent that such content is related to MHBYPF, bullying, bad mouthing coaches, game officials, other parents, other children, volunteers, and all incidents related to games in which you feel something was

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mishandled or not in your child's or their team's favor. **If you wouldn't say it in front of the coach, with your student-athlete there, don't say it online.**

**MOST IMPORTANT: Remember that it is only a youth football game. Please don't let a momentary lapse in judgment embarrass or have a negative effect on your child. To them this is also a time of building many lasting friendships!**

**VIOLATION OF POLICY**

1. All parents, fans and spectators will be held accountable under the above guidelines/policy.
2. Any suspected violation may be reported to a member of the MHB Youth Football Committee.
3. For any witnessed or confirmed violation, the offender is subjected to the authority of MHB Youth Football Committee. This may include verbal warnings, ejection from practices and/or games until MHB Youth Football Committee deems participation resumes.
4. If someone is asked to leave an event, the Committee will review and discuss the offense and need to speak to the individual prior to him/her returning to the next scheduled game and/or practice
5. The Committee shall have the authority to monitor and enforce the social media policy. The Committee shall have the authority to remove or suspend any student-athlete from a team for any inappropriate or offensive comments posted on any platform of social media by a parent or student-athlete during the current season. No refund will be given
5. If continued problems persist throughout the year, legal action will be taken.

**Player Eligibility**

1. Parents are to monitor players' academic eligibility. All players must maintain a D average with no failing classes.
2. Parents are to monitor player's behavioral eligibility. Any player suspended from school will abide by Mount Horeb or Barneveld School sports eligibility rules and maybe subjected to additional team suspension to be determined by MHB Youth Football on a case by case basis.
3. Parents will inform the coach of any academic or behavioral eligibility concerns in a timely manner. Parents or players who avoid disclosing eligibility information may be subjected to team suspension at the discretion of MHB Youth Football Committee.
4. Parents will monitor player's social media platforms during the current season that they are participating in to the extent that such content is related to MHB Youth Football, bullying, bad mouthing coaches, game officials, other parents, other children, volunteers, and all incidents related to games which they feel something was mishandled or not in their or their team's favor.

MHB Youth Football and the Mount Horeb/Barneveld School districts have the final authority on all matters regarding participating coaches, players and parents.

