

Mount Horeb/Barneveld Youth Football
Parental Information and Guidelines

2014 PARENT/PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

Dear Parents,

Our organization works hard to ensure that all participants in our program have a positive experience in football by emphasizing academics, fundamentals, sportsmanship, and above all, fun. The fall season is quickly approaching and the Mount Horeb/Barneveld Youth Football program is dedicated to making this year a successful one.

As a strictly volunteer organization, MHB Youth Football depends upon registration fees to pay for game uniforms, practice equipment, game equipment, field rental, and officiating crews. The organization does its best to keep registration fees low by supplementing costs through fundraising efforts and acquiring sponsorships from local businesses. We recognize that the support from the parents is vital to any youth organization and its ability to provide a successful sports experience for your children. As such, we have outlined all requirements for the regular fall season here so that the organization, parents, and participants may all have a rewarding season. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to the upcoming season!

Regards,

The Mount Horeb/Barneveld Youth Football Board

The 2015 MHB Youth Football Board

Director-Paul Markhardt

Assistant & Safety Director-Jim Dawson

Coordinator-Shawna Drager

Treasurer-Lori Gassman

Equipment Coordinator-Scott Ringgenberg

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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 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 Youth Football 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 Youth Football 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.

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!

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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 Board.
3. For any witnessed or confirmed violation, the offender is subjected to the authority of MHB Youth Football Board. This may include verbal warnings, ejection from practices and/or games until MHB Board deems participation resumes.
4. If someone is asked to leave an event, the board 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. 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 Football Board.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the MHB Parents Code of Ethics/Behavior Policy.

I agree it is my responsibility to read, understand and abide by the above.

_____	_____
PLAYER'S NAME	GRADE
_____	_____
Parent Signature	Date
_____	_____
Parent Signature	Date

****THIS FORM MUST BE ON FILE FOR EVERY PLAYER BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MHB YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM**