



## **MISSION, CORE VALUE AND GOALS**

- The Destin Dolphins Football (DDF) Organization, a charter member of the Panhandle Youth Football Association, is committed to providing a character-building recreational program for our local boys and girls.
- Through fundamental instructions associated with youth tackle football and cheerleading we strive to foster and maintain the *core values* of Wellness, Honesty, Loyalty, Integrity, Discipline, Respect, Sportsmanship and Commitment. We strongly encourage our coaching staffs and volunteer parents to provide a responsible environment that demonstrates these core values off the field and insist that they consistently demonstrate these core values during practices and games; in victory or in defeat.
- Our *goal* is to teach all players the fundamentals of the game and prepare them to play at the next level in a manner that is consistent with THE City's Mission & Core Values.

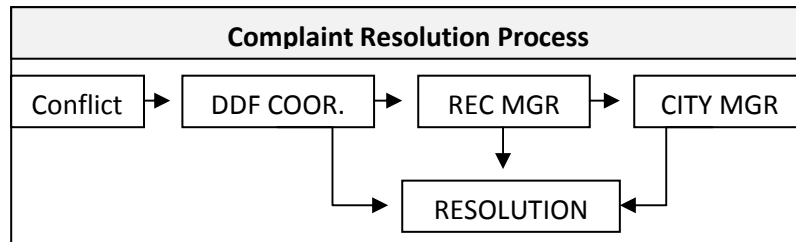
**The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."**

### **I therefore agree:**

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, **not adults**.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn and honor the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (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 players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; physical contact; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes, coaches, spectators, or officials.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child, other participant, officials, coaches, or spectators for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials & coaches and their authority during games or practices and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the game field.
- I 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.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

**I agree to follow the rules and procedures set forth in the City of Destin Dolphin League Rules:**

- All persons on and in the vicinity of playing fields and practice areas are expected to show good sportsmanship and proper behavior.
- During games, parents and spectators must stay in the designated spectator area behind the spectator line, on the same side of the field as the team.
- No one is permitted to stand or sit behind the end zones.
- Parents, spectators are urged to cheer, applaud and provide positive encouragement to players. Jeering, taunting, heckling or degrading the players will not be tolerated.
- Parents, spectators and coaches may not enter the playing field during the game for any reason other than to assist in an injury and only then if requested to do so by the referee.
- Artificial noisemakers are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, air horns, whistles, and bells.
- Only registered coaches and eligible players are allowed in the technical areas during the practices or games.
- Parents are responsible for getting their children to practices and games and if not in attendance, for picking up their children within 15 minutes of the scheduled completion time or for arranging reliable transportation for them. (Coaches are not responsible in any manner for providing transportation for players on their team, other than their own children or for stranded players on their team.) Parents who do not uphold their responsibilities for transporting their children may subject their children to being dropped from the team, without refund.
- Parents are encouraged to attend and stay throughout all practices and games. Persons dropping off players at practices or games are responsible before departing the area for ensuring players report to a coach registered for their team or for entrusting the children to an adult known to be responsible and trustworthy.
- All Complaints about or reports of behavior or conduct will be submitted to the City Recreation Manager or Destin Youth Football Coordinator within 7 days of the incident. The report or complaints must be **in writing and signed** for any action to be pursued. Anonymous or verbal complaints and reports will not be accepted. I agree to follow the Complaint Resolution Process outlined below.



- All other concerns about or questions of procedure, conduct, or fairness involving the league, parents/guardians, players, coaches, or members shall be submitted to the Destin Youth Football Coordinator or City Recreation Manager within 7 days of the alleged violation. For action to be pursued, the report or complaint **must be in writing** and signed. Anonymous or verbal complaints and reports will not be accepted.
- Questions or complaints regarding referees will be referred to the Destin Youth Football Coordinator and Panhandle Youth Football Association Board.

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 head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension
- Any relevant civil or criminal punitive damages

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_