

Expectations of Football Parents

**We primarily communicate through email and our website
(www.littletigersfootball.com).**

- There are simply too many participants for phone calls. If you are not receiving email or if your email has changed, contact littletigersfootball@gmail.com.
- We attempt to keep the website up to date and information, calendars, announcements and practice information's posted on the website as well as through email to you.
- The calendar is on the website.
- Please check the website and your emails often (daily after noon is preferred) for important announcements.
- Your son's team will also be assigned a team manager. They will communicate additional, team specific, information to you throughout the season.

Preseason

- Football players must be present at registration. They need to sign the waiver and be sized into a uniform.
- Football players must attend equipment pickup. Equipment will need to be sized for your player. If for some reason you are unable to attend it is your responsibility to contact the Equipment Manager PRIOR to the start of practice. It is very disruptive to try to get your equipment on the day of the first practice and first practice equipment pickup should not be relied upon.
- Make sure your player has cleats, a properly fitting athletic cup and the mouth piece provided at equipment pick up has been boiled and fits properly prior to the first practice.
- It is encouraged that you try all of your player's equipment and uniform on the shortly after picking it up. This will give you a window of opportunity to make arrangements with the Equipment Manager to exchange anything that doesn't fit properly.
- A \$100 deposit (check or cash) will also be taken at the time of equipment pick up. This will be held (not cashed) until the end of the season. If all equipment and uniforms are returned in good condition and volunteer requirements are met, you will be given this back in full at the end of the season.

In Season

- Please make sure that your player is attending all practices and is there on time.
 - Practice begins promptly at 6PM. Please have your son to the fields at 5:45 on practice nights, this gives them time to put on pads, strap up helmets, etc.
 - Communicate with your son's coach or team manager if they will be absent. Excused absences include illness, family emergencies and school related activities (This includes if you son has the need to study for a test or excessive homework. School comes first, but please emphasize to your son to balance football and school and missing for homework/tests should not become routine).
 - Football is a complicated sport and missing practice places your son and his team at a disadvantage.
 - Your son will also need to have all of their equipment each practice (practice uniform, all pads, helmet, mouthpiece as directed by the club and/or their coach). It is also their responsibility to make sure that none of the equipment is left at the field.

- Your son needs to be ready to weigh in on game days at least 1 hour prior to the start of the game. This means arriving to the field 15-30 minutes prior to that time so that the coaches can get the boys ready to weigh in. Failure to weigh in on time will result in loss of playing time per league rules.
- Make sure that your team manager and coach has the proper contact information for you. You will receive weekly updates as well as last minute information. Communication will be via email and/or text. It will be important to check both forms of communication throughout the day because there can be changes due to weather, etc. It will also be your responsibility to communicate if your son will not be at an event.
- While the Club highly encourages you to volunteer and be involved, the league rules prevent you from being on the field during practice or games (including halftime). If you would like to be involved in coaching, please contact the Athletic Director and fill out a Coaches Application Form.
- Players will not be allowed to leave the fields after practice and go to you. You will need to pick your child up from the area hosted with your child's age prior to team splits. After team splits, you will need to pick up your child from their coach on the team's assigned field.
- Our Club strives to have a positive influence on the boys and to have a well-respected reputation within the Tri County Football League, the District 7 Schools and the community. It is your responsibility to help us maintain this reputation. Parents and players should display good sportsmanship at all Little Tigers functions. Remember that players will use your behavior as an example for their own.

Volunteer Requirements

- Each family is required to complete a minimum of 6 hours of volunteer work for the club.
- A minimum of 2 hours per family must be completed in the concession stand.
- Other opportunities are chain gang, taking pictures at games, video taping games, announcing games, writing game summaries for the newspaper, tracking play counts, working at or setting up special events such as weigh in, Friday Night Lights, Orange and Black Scrimmage, Tiger Time Out and Cheer Fest.
- These will be coordinated and tracked by your team manager.
- Failure to complete your volunteer hours will result the loss of your \$100 preseason deposit.
- Volunteer opportunities will be communicated and coordinated through your team manager. Once the teams are split for the season your team will be assigned a team manager. Additional opportunities may arise throughout the season from the club as a whole, not just your team.

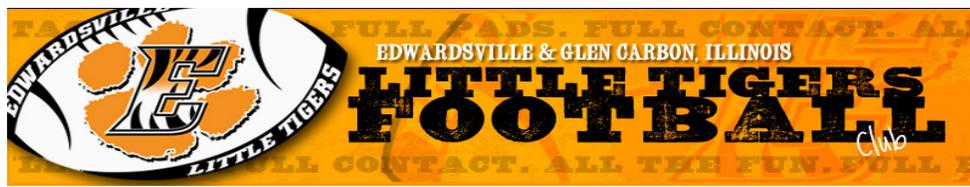
Additional Responsibilities of Parents

Code of Conduct

- All parents and participants signed a waiver preseason agreeing to the club's expectations.
- Support your child and no coaching from the sideline.
- Do not use profanity, scream at other teams or display unsportsmanlike behavior. This is not acceptable.
- Fighting in the stands will not be tolerated and will result in you being asked to leave and not attend future games.
- **Complaints/ Resolution of Issues**
 - Concerns should first go through the head coach.
 - If the problem remains unresolved the head coach and athletic director will attempt to reach a resolution.
 - Any issue that continues to remain unresolved will be brought to the full Board of Directors.

Tiger Country Policies

- There is no parking in the grass or next to the curb on Tiger Drive. This applies to all practices and games.
- Please use the parking lot on the west side of the High School or the spaces located on the east side of the High School.
- We are on District 7 property please abide by the following guidelines
 - Pick up your trash. It is our responsibility to lead the manner we receive them or better.
 - There is no use of tobacco products. This includes chewing tobacco, cigarettes and electronic cigarettes on District 7 property.
 - There is no use of drugs or alcohol on District 7 property.
 - No pets are allowed on District 7 property.



EDWARDSVILLE LITTLE TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB **TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2014**

In consideration of permitting my son/daughter to participate in the Edwardsville Little Tigers Football Club football and cheerleading, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **Consent.** As the parent/guardian of the child set forth on the signature page hereto, I hereby give my consent and permission for the named child to participate in the Edwardsville Little Tigers Football Club (the "Little Tigers"). The program will be conducted under the Little Tigers Football Club Rules and Authority. I, the parent/guardian, agree to abide by all the rules and requirements set forth by the Little Tigers.

2. **Release and Indemnification.** I hereby fully and finally release and discharge the Little Tigers, the Edwardsville School District and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees") from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, liabilities, causes of action, losses or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent, relating to, arising out of, resulting from or connected to my child's participation in, and transportation to and from, the Little Tigers program, including without limitation, personal injury, death and property damage and including those risks which may be associated with or attributed to any negligent act, omission or fault of any of the Releasees including any injuries (including death), damages and losses sustained by my child arising out of or connected to the activities of the Little Tigers program or any activity while my child is participating in such program (the "Waived Risks"). I fully agree to indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) relating to, arising out of, resulting from or connected to my child's participation in the Little Tigers program, including without limitation, the Waived Risks. Furthermore, if permitted by applicable law, this release and indemnification obligation shall apply to claims, demands and liabilities arising out of the gross negligence of the Releasees. I understand and acknowledge that there may be inherent risks associated with my child's participation in the Little Tigers program, including risk of personal injury, disability or death, and I hereby acknowledge and voluntarily assume all such risks.

3. **Medical Consent.** If I cannot be reached by telephone or otherwise in case of an emergency, I authorize and consent to all serious medical procedures performed by or prescribed for my child by a physician. I hereby appoint any officer of the Little Tigers as my attorney in fact for purposes of said medical procedures. Otherwise, the participating coach or coaches may perform minor first aid. I agree to accept full responsibility for all medical expenses incurred.

4. **Expenses/Refunds.** I agree to accept full responsibility for all expenses incurred for the loss of any equipment issued and not returned in good repairable condition at the conclusion of the season. Equipment is valued at \$300 per player. If I refuse to return any equipment or pay any expenses incurred, the Little Tigers will prosecute to the fullest extent permitted by law. If my child is a cheerleading participant, I understand that the \$140 is used to purchase the uniform and there will be no refunds for this program. There will be an additional \$25 fee for all returned checks. I also understand that a refund for football participants will only be given in special circumstances and must be approved by the Little Tigers Board of Directors. I further understand that if my child is suspended from Edwardsville Little Tigers Football Club for disciplinary reasons, including discipline through the Participant's school, will not entitle Participant or Parent to a refund of any portion of the registration, deposit or fund raising fees.

5. **Photographs and Other Media.** I authorize the Little Tigers the access to photograph my child at games. I understand the photos may be used in and on various media including without limitation, the internet, social media or through print materials.

(a) I hereby grant the Little Tigers the right to use audio/typed interview(s), photo(s) video image(s) and other similar works related to my child in media print or production, including without limitation, social media, and to use the likeness of my child, and biographical information in connection with the promotion of the Little Tigers and in furtherance of the goals and operation of the

Little Tigers organization. I further grant to the Little Tigers or the producer of any work related thereto hired by the Little Tigers the right to edit, reuse, and make recordings of my child's voice and likeness in whole or in part, for radio broadcasting, non-broadcast audio and video distribution, or scholarly research and educational uses, and other electronic or mechanical distribution throughout the world in perpetuity.

(b) I understand that the Little Tigers may register the copyright to the photo(s), video image(s), audio/print interview(s) in its own name, and the copyright thereto shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Little Tigers. I hereby warrant and represent that I have the right to enter into this agreement and grant the rights granted to the Little Tigers contained herein. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Little Tigers and its officers, agents or employees against claims, legal proceedings, damages, actions and expenses based on or with respect to a breach of this agreement.

6. Uniform Responsibility. Any and all parts of the Little Tigers cheerleading and football uniforms may only be worn during specific and official Little Tigers football and cheerleading functions and activities unless otherwise authorized by the Little Tigers. The Little Tigers uniform (including jerseys, pants, pads, helmets, the shell, skirt, and pom poms) are solely owned by the Little Tigers and must be returned at the end of the season in excellent condition. Care instructions provided at the time uniforms are issued must be followed. Any marks, tears, holes, rips or stains shall render payment to the Little Tigers equal to the replacement value of the uniform or any part thereof (which shall be no less than \$150). No parts of the Little Tigers uniform may be loaned to another person for any reason.

7. Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct. 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:

- (a) I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- (b) I will remember children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- (c) I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- (d) I will learn the rules of the games and the policies of the league.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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; or using profane language or gestures.
- (g) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- (h) I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- (i) I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- (j) 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.
- (k) I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- (l) I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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.
- (o) I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- (p) 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.
- (q) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach.

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: (i) verbal warning by

official, head coach, and/or head of league organization; (ii) parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved; (iii) written warning; (iv) game forfeit through the official or coach; and/or (v) parental season suspension.

8. Participant Code of Conduct. As a team member, participant hereby agrees to the following:

- (a) Participant will commit to attending all practices and games.
- (b) Participant will do his/her best and put forth an effort to try new things.
- (c) Participant will watch how he/she conducts himself/herself, which includes no cursing, fighting or mistreating my teammates, opposing players, or referees.
- (d) Participant will do his/her best in school, and complete my homework.
- (e) Participant will do his/her best to represent the Little Tigers in the community.
- (f) Participant understands that disciplinary action by his or her school will result in discipline by Edwardsville Little Tigers Football Club, including possible suspension of Participant from participation without refund of registration fees or any other fees or costs incurred by Participant or Participant's parent or guardian.
- (g) I understand that if I am ejected from a game that disciplinary action will be taken by Little Tigers and by the Tri-County Football Conference including suspension from future games.

9. Personal Information. I hereby authorize the Little Tigers access to, distribution of and publishing of the personal information provided at registration including, without limitation, address, phone number and email address. I understand and agree that this information may be used in and on various media including without limitation, the internet, social media or through print materials, as well as for ease in communication between members of the Little. I hereby grant the Little Tigers the right to use this information in and on all forms of media including without limitation, the internet, social media, print and/or electronic production, in connection with operations and communications of the Little Tigers throughout the world in perpetuity.

10. Miscellaneous. Except with respect to the paragraph 10 below, all references to "I" contained herein shall refer to the parent/guardian. I hereby represent that I am the legal guardian of the child named below and that I may give the above consents and enter into this agreement as a legally binding obligation. I agree that the Little Tigers can rely on a facsimile or photocopy of my signature hereto for all purposes and that an original signature is not required for this document to be valid. These terms shall be binding upon my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. By signing below, I agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name (printed): _____

Telephone: _____
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Child's Name: _____

11. Participant Agreement. My parent/guardian and I have discussed the above guidelines (including those set forth in paragraph 8), and I promise to do my best this season. I also understand that I could be suspended for breaking any of the above guidelines.

Date: _____
Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (printed): _____