



# Matteson Youth Athletic Association

## Matteson Bears Football and Cheerleading



### Policies & Waivers

#### **PERMISSION to PARTICIPATE**

I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the potential dangers of participation in any sport and I fully understand that participation in football, cheerleading and/or dance may result in SERIOUS INJURIES, PARALYSIS, and PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH. Furthermore, I fully acknowledge and understand that protective equipment does not prevent all participant injuries. I, as the parent/guardian of the listed participant, do hereby give my approval for my child/ward to participate, and further assert that I have verified with my child/wards physician, and in my opinion, my child/ward is physically fit and can participate without limitation in any and all team/squad activities. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **HELMET WAIVER (for football participants)**

We acknowledge, and we understand the risks involved in my child/ward, playing football, which is a collision sport. The NOCSAE committee has adopted the following warning to be read by, and signed by, both the parent/guardian and participant. Do not use this helmet to butt, ram or spear an opposing player. This is in violation of football rules and can result in severe head, brain or neck injury, paralysis or death and possible injury to your opponent. There is a risk that these injuries may also occur as a result of an accidental contact without intent to butt, ram or spear. No helmet can prevent all such injuries.

**Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Football Player Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **IMAGE RELEASE FORM**

In consideration of participation in the **Matteson Youth Athletic Association Football and Cheerleading Program**, we agree that our likeness, or the likeness of my child/ward may be photographed or videotaped and that such image may be published in an outlet to promote or publicize the sports program. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **REFUND POLICY**

Matteson Youth Athletic Association does not issue refunds. Any questions about this policy must be directed to the MYAA Board. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_



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#### TRANSPORTATION

MYAA will not be responsible for providing transportation for football players/cheerleaders to and from practices and games. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for their child. In the event that MYAA is providing transportation, a signed waiver and release must be completed and on file. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Matteson Youth Athletic Association (MYAA) feels that parents, Team Moms and Coaches should be proactive in seeking a safe and constructive environment for children without the threat of violence, inappropriate behavior or language. The following actions taken by a Football player, Cheerleader/Poms, Team Mom/Dad, Coach, Parent or Fan may result in the immediate ejection from the event in progress and a one (1) game suspension taken the following week or a possible suspension for the remainder of the season.

- Parents and Fans on the field without permission
- Inappropriate language
- Stating negative or vulgar comments to the referees, opposing team, or any members of the MYAA program
- Trashing fields and/or property
- Posting negative or threatening commentary on any electronic means of communication.
- Attending events under the influence of alcohol
- Physical displays of aggression or threats of physical aggression
- Any action, that officials or coaches deem to be inappropriate, or the individual has previously been asked to stop doing.
- Any bullying on or off the field in any way.

In cases where the offending party does not leave the area, any MYAA official present will immediately dial the police and have the offender removed. Based on the nature of the offence, charges may be filed against the individual. Threats of, or physical displays of aggression will be reported to the police. Any ejected person has the right to an appeal hearing by the MYAA Board of Directors. All parties involved will be notified and invited to attend the hearing which will be scheduled within 10 days of a written request. This code of conduct applies to all



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involved with the program including but not limited to, the football players, cheerleaders, spirit participants, parents and guardians. **Player Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **GRIEVANCE POLICY AND 24 HOUR RULE**

The 24 Hour Rule applies from the start of each practice, game or MYAA function. It is appropriate to contact a Coach, MYAA Board Member or Team Mom/Dad, if you have a **question** on game time, location or to report an absence. It is inappropriate to contact an MYAA Board Member, Coach or Team Mom/Dad or their families to **complain** about your child's game time, location, absence or position, playing time or any coaches' decision within the 24 hour period mentioned above. You will immediately be directed to Cheer Director, Football Director or the Athletic Director. You will be asked to file a written complaint, provide factual information, provide names, dates, game information, etc. You will be asked to meet with every person that is subject, the coaches and a Board member. Matteson Youth Athletic Association will not tolerate **ANY** parent criticizing Players, Cheerleaders/Poms, Board Members, Coaches, Team Moms/Dads or other Parents. We will treat all of the families in our organization with respect, and require the same. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

It shall be MYAA policy that disciplinary action will be used as a last resort, and that every reasonable attempt will be made to avoid situations likely to lead to such action. A football player/cheerleader/poms may be suspended from games/events for the following reasons:

1. Excessive absence (excused and unexcused) or tardiness
2. Failure to cooperate with coaches, directors and/or team moms/dads
3. Failure to abide by team/organization rules and regulations

A football player/cheerleader/poms may be dismissed from the team for the following reasons:

1. Excessive and irreconcilable disruptive influence on the team
2. Conduct likely to bring the team/organization reputation into disrepute
3. As otherwise deemed necessary by the MYAA board in collaboration with the team coaches
4. Bullying another football player/cheerleader/poms **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**EQUIPMENT and UNIFORM RESPONSIBILITY**

I, as the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ assume full responsibility for any and all equipment/uniforms loaned to my child/ward by Mattleson Youth Athletic Association (MYAA). I agree to promptly return, upon request, uniforms and other equipment in as good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear. Normal wear and tear **DOES NOT** include uniforms with permanent stains, mold/mildew, tears, rips or permanent alterations or helmets and/or shoulder pads with excessive wear and tear including cracks/breaks. If I fail to adhere to this policy or do not return the uniforms and/or equipment, I will be responsible for and promptly pay the replacement cost of such equipment and/or uniforms. **Parent/Guardian Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_