**COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Participation in Monroe Saints Football and Cheer is a privilege and not a right. Monroe Saints Football and Cheer has an expectation of good sportsmanship. As part of this effort, we require all coaches, players, and parents to sign a contract regarding their conduct during the season. Please carefully read and sign the following:

As a coach of the Monroe Saints Football Team or Cheer Squad, I understand the position of trust and responsibility that I have accepted. I understand that my actions must be above reproach. I agree to the following:

1. I will behave as a positive role model for all program participants.

2. I will encourage my players at every opportunity and refrain from using negative coaching tactics.

3. I will address all referees, program parents and fans, opposing players, opposing coaches, and opposing parents and fans in a respectful manner as a representative of Monroe Saints Football and Cheer. All conversations and discussions with referees will be conducted in a mature, calm, and respectful manner and in accordance with the rules established by the League of which our program is a member.

4. I will encourage players to develop good sportsmanship, teamwork and self-discipline whether the team wins or loses.

5. I will know and play by the rules of our League.

6. I will read and support the player’s conduct contract.

7. I will instill in all players a desire to improve as football players and cheerleaders.

8. I will provide an opportunity for all players to participate in accordance with program and league requirements.

9. I will communicate with the parents of my players to help them understand the philosophy of Monroe Saints Football and Cheer and my team in particular, and to gain their cooperation in dealing with any behavioral problems that arise.

10. I will refrain from arguing or criticizing any other coach in the presence of any player or parent.

I understand that any disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior on my part, or my (in any way) demonstrating conduct/behavior deemed to be unfitting of my position can lead to my suspension or removal from my coaching duties. I understand that in these circumstances, the Board of Directors, Disciplinary Committee, or designated board member may take any action that they feel is justified.

I agree to communicate these rules consistently to my fellow coaches in an ongoing effort to support this code of conduct.

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

Coach Name

**Monroe Saints Football and Cheer does not limit participation in its activities on the basis race, color, creed, national origin, gender or religious preference.**