



PYSA

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaching a youth sport program such as youth football is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. As a coach, approved by the Prosper Youth Sports Association (PYSA) Commissioners and the Board of Directors, you have an important role in the development of the young children in our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play, and teamwork – values they can use throughout their lives. Football embodies the discipline of teamwork. It challenges players towards the perfection of physical skills and working as a team to accomplish success. The very nature of football teaches that everyone must do their job on every play to achieve success. While every player will eventually experience defeat, whether it is an individual play or losing a game, there is always another chance for success on the next play or game. The PYSA expects each coach to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good and correct football skills, and have fun in the process.
2. I will realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.
3. I will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
4. I will never, under any circumstances, reference a player's race, ethnicity or religion and I also understand that that there is a NO TOLERANCE policy for type of behavior.
5. I understand verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be removed from the PYSA event at the discretion of an official or PYSA board member. ***In addition, I recognize that if I am ejected from an event for any of the above mentioned misconduct it will also result in the ejection of my child from the game as well.*
6. I understand all discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will I yell at an official, coach, fan, or player.
7. I understand that profanity is expressly forbidden, at all times, at all PYSA events.
8. I understand that alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all PYSA events including practices and games.
9. I understand that the use of tobacco products on any PYSA fields is prohibited.

RULES AND POLICIES

1. I will know and understand the rules and abide by them. I will instruct my team members on the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to always compete according to the rules.
2. I will complete my background check.
3. I will complete my USA Football youth coaching certification each year.
4. I will read and understand the TYFL tackle or PYSAs flag participation rules for my division.
5. I will review the PYSAs website (www.prospertx-sports.com) on a regular basis to make sure that I am informed of all updated rules and policies and communicate with the commissioners if I have questions.
6. I will fully comply with the Player/Parents Code of Conduct, and I will ensure each player/parent on my team submits a signed copy to me.

THE OFFICIAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

1. I recognize disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the official will be handled in a civil manner. I understand only the head coach may initiate such discussions with an official. The coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the official has made his/her final ruling, the coaches will make no further field protest. Off-field protests may be lodged with the Commissioner and the Board of Directors per league policy.
2. I will be responsible in caring for equipment, for keys delegated for my use, care of fields prior to games and for cleaning up fields and sidelines after games in accordance with policies that PYSAs may establish from time to time. I will make sure that all league-provided equipment is clean and accounted for when returned after the season.

PARENTS AND THE LEAGUE

1. I will maintain an open line of communication with players and their parents. I will be approachable. When approached by a parent to discuss any issue, I will interact and respond in a courteous manner.
2. I will understand and explain the philosophies, goals and objectives, and Codes of Conduct of PYSAs.
3. I will do my best to ensure that fans of the team always conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity while in attendance at game sites and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. Players and coaches of participating teams may not address or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged.
4. I will make sure that coaches and players are the only persons allowed on the fields/sidelines during a game.
5. I will support, through participation and organization of parent, PYSAs in all fundraising & volunteer efforts along with other duties that may be assigned to teams from time to time.

THE TEAM

1. I will conduct practices in an organized manner, with a planned agenda that focuses on specific skill development appropriate for the skill level of the players.
2. I will focus on providing instruction commensurate with players abilities, so all players can advance their skills towards their full potential, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, as well as establish a solid foundation for further football competition.
3. I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
4. I understand that coaches are approved by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field and to represent the team, and the town of Prosper, in communications with the officials, opposing teams and league. If a coach leaves the field, he shall designate a coach as a substitute who will then be responsible and held accountable for the coach's duties.

NON-GAME COACH DUTIES

Each coach has considerable duties outside of coordinating practices and managing the games. Accordingly, if I am a Coach, I will adhere to the following as well:

1. I will maintain open communication with players and parents to inform them of practices, games, and other responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner.
2. I will attend all required coach's meetings and safety clinics unless I am out of town or have a significant previously made commitment. If I cannot attend, I will ensure that one of my assistant coaches attends on my behalf.
3. I will complete, obtain, and submit to the League all required paperwork, which will include the Coaches Code of Conduct and Player/Parent Code of Conduct forms.
4. I understand that I am the point of contact between my team and other teams and PYSA officials. I understand that I am the person that is responsible for my team. I will take my obligations seriously and communicate effectively and in a courteous manner.

UNDERSTANDING OF CONSEQUENCES

Failure to follow the outlined rules within may result in the removal from the PYSA fields. Should someone be removed they must leave all fields as well as all access roads to the fields. Such persons may not remain in the PYSA parking lot. Any infraction of the rules outlined within this document will result in a report being delivered to the PYSA Board for consideration of further action, as appropriate.

First Offense: Upon the reporting of a first offense by an individual, the Board of Directors, at a minimum, will provide a written warning to the offender, detailing the consequences of future infractions. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, nothing precludes the Board of Directors from banning a repeat offender from all

PYSA activities, including, but not limited to, practices and games, for a period deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Second Offense: The Board of Directors may institute a wide range of penalties for repeat offenders, beginning with the second offense, as deemed appropriate by the Board. Such penalties include, but are not limited to:

- A ban from participating in all PYSA activities for a set period or number of games.

Severe violations can result in one or more of the following:

- Suspension from all PYSA activities for the remainder of the current season or, even situations deemed severe by the PYSA BOD, expulsion from coaching in future PYSA seasons moving forward.

Third Offense: The Board of Directors may choose to apply any of the penalties described above for a second offense. In the most extreme of circumstances, the PYSA Board of Directors may hold a meeting to determine whether the individual should be permanently banned from all future PYSA activities. The individual in question must receive a certified letter of such a hearing at least one week prior to the meeting and must be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting. Penalties for a third offense may include the following:

- Permanent expulsion from coaching in future PYSA seasons moving forward.

***PYSA reserves the right to bypass any official warnings or notices of offenses if the Board of Directors deems that the overall safety of any/everyone involved is in jeopardy. The safety of everyone involved supersedes anything that may be written in the code of conduct.*