

Norwalk Football League

Coaches Code of Conduct

League Expectations for Coaches

I, a designated League Coach, hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for all players while participating in League activities and pledge to abide by the following **Code of Conduct**.

I will be responsible for the conduct of assistant coaches, team players and the team parents. Coaches will be responsible for keeping bench areas, as well as the entire sideline clear of anyone other than team members.

I will strictly enforce, respect and abide by League rules, policies, regulations and administrative considerations relative to my participation in any and all League functions. I will not disregard or attempt to circumvent any League rules, regulations or policies, or the intent thereof.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will treat each participant/player with respect, dignity and professionalism, being ever cognizant of the varying degrees of emotional, physical, and psychological development present in any given age group.

I will review and practice basic first aid principles needed to effectively treat injuries.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun, challenging and dedicated to the proper instruction of physical fundamentals and sportsmanship.

I will lead by example in constantly demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

I will provide an environment free from drugs, alcohol, tobacco and any and all forms of profanity at all League functions.

I will be knowledgeable in the application of youth football rules and infractions as provided by the League and as governed by the *National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)* Rules and Regulations.

I understand it shall be the responsibility of the parent to notify the Head Coach of school misbehavior resulting in an in / out-of-school suspension or any other disciplinary action involving a League participant. The League's policy for *any* disciplinary action imposed by the participant's school is a mandatory one (1) game suspension for the team's next game. If the Head Coach becomes aware of any disciplinary situation from any source, The Head Coach shall immediately contact the participant's parent and upon confirmation of said action, shall explain the League's disciplinary policy and be responsible for enforcement of the same.

I will respect and honor all decisions made by an official concerning any aspect of a game. I will not argue, chastise, disparage, criticize, vocally belittle or otherwise engage an official, opposing coach(es), League Administrator, player or spectator for any reason whatsoever. I understand that by doing so, I subject myself not only to immediate ejection from the game at hand, but also possible disciplinary action imposed by the League up to and including permanent expulsion from the League, as determined by the Board of Directors.

I understand that participant safety will always be of paramount concern in any League activity or function. As such, I will always ensure that all players are provided with and utilize only League issued and certified protective equipment and uniforms. I will require all players to utilize all protective equipment at all times without exception. I will inspect said equipment periodically and promptly make arrangements with the League to replace and/or repair any equipment observed to be defective, damaged or inconsistent with its intended purpose.

I acknowledge and welcome these responsibilities as outlined and have ascribed my signature hereto indicating my support, full understanding and intent to comply with the same.

Printed Name of Coach

Signature of Coach

Date