

## **Shakopee Youth Football Coaches Code of Conduct**

As a coach in the youth football program, I understand and agree to the following principles and expectations. My behavior and actions will serve as a model for the players, parents, and other coaches, ensuring a safe, respectful, and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

### **1. Player Safety and Well-being**

- I will prioritize the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of each player at all times.
- I will ensure that players are using the proper equipment and safety protocols to minimize the risk of injury.
- I will take immediate action in the event of an injury, ensuring that players receive appropriate care and attention.

### **2. Respect and Sportsmanship**

- I will promote and model good sportsmanship by treating all players, parents, officials, and opposing teams with respect.
- I will refrain from using negative or inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior during practices, games, or events.
- I will encourage players to show respect for the game, teammates, coaches, and opponents at all times.

### **3. Positive Coaching**

- I will provide positive feedback and constructive criticism to all players, helping them develop their skills and confidence.
- I will avoid favoring any one player and will treat all players equally, offering equal opportunities for development and participation.
- I will work to create a positive and supportive environment, fostering teamwork and mutual respect among players.

### **4. Integrity and Fair Play**

- I will always act with integrity and honesty in all interactions with players, parents, and officials.
- I will uphold the rules and regulations of the sport and will never encourage or condone cheating, violence, or unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **5. No Tolerance for Abuse**

- I will never engage in any form of physical, verbal, or emotional abuse toward any player, coach, official, or parent.
- I will create a safe space where all players feel valued, respected, and supported.

## 6. Communication

- I will communicate openly, honestly, and respectfully with players, parents, and other coaches regarding the goals of the team, player progress, and any concerns that may arise.
- I will address any issues or concerns that come up with a solution-oriented approach, maintaining professionalism in all situations.
- I will not post negative comments about players, coaches, or parents on social media.

## 7. Development Focus

- I will focus on the overall development of each player, not just winning games. I will strive to build skills, teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.
- I will provide opportunities for all players to develop, ensuring that every player gets fair playing time in games.

## 8. Team Commitment

- I will commit to **attending all team practices, games, and events**, and will inform the appropriate individuals if I am unable to attend. The season will be my priority over other off season sports.
- I will support the efforts of other coaches and staff members to ensure the success and well-being of the team.

## 9. Respect for Officials

- I will respect the decisions made by referees and officials, acknowledging that they are doing their best to officiate the game fairly.
- I will not argue or publicly criticize officials during or after the game.

## 10. Consequences for Violations

- I understand that failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to verbal warnings, removal from coaching duties, or suspension from games or practices.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to uphold the **Shakopee Youth Football Coaches Code of Conduct**. I understand my responsibility as a coach to be a positive influence on the players, parents, and community.

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**Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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