

Coaches Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my team participating in Illinois Youth Football League by following this Coaches Code of Conduct pledge:

1. I will do my best to organize practices that are insightful and challenging for all my players.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, Coaches, Officials, Board Members, and Staff at a league sponsored event either at home or away.
3. I will encourage a balanced lifestyle between sport, education and other interest.
4. I will place the emotional, psychological, and physical well being of my team, and any other children in the league ahead of any personal desires I may have.
5. I will insist that my team participates in a safe and healthy environment.
6. I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
7. I will support all coaches, board members and others working with my team, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
8. I will accept that striving to win is more important than winning itself.
9. I will accept mistakes as an important part of learning.
10. **I will remember that the League is for the youth and not for Coaches.**
11. I will ask my team to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents and spectators, with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
12. I will refrain from any all vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gesture while participating in, or watching any league sponsored event whether at home or away.
13. I will direct all my comments and criticisms of parents, participants, officials, board members away from the children participating in the league, and conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when doing so.
14. I fully understand that if our team is winning by a large margin, I will make the appropriate decisions to avoid running up the score any further on an opponent. This includes passing, trick plays, leaving the starting backfield in the game, etc.
15. **I understand violation of these rules could result in the board reviewing my behavior, and taking the necessary actions, which may include fines, suspension, and/or permanent dismissal from the IYFL.**

Coach/Board Member Signature: _____

Name Printed : _____ Date : _____

Note: In order to participate in the Illinois Youth Football League, this form must be signed and dated. Failure of the coach to read and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct will automatically render the Coach ineligible to participate in League activities home or away. In addition, by signing this code of Conduct pledge, Coaches agree to abide by the guidelines set forth above, and to conduct themselves in the appropriate manner. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct, or violation of any of the guidelines set forth above, will automatically render the Coach unable to participate or attend any league sponsored event either home or away. Illinois Youth Board Members have the sole right to enforce violations.