



## **USFTL/NFL FLAG COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

**The USFTL/NFL Flag Youth program is dedicated to the principles of Positive Coaching.**

**A good Coach always places the best interest of a player before winning. This Flag Football experience will play a significant factor in determining whether the players continue participating in football in the future. Coaches become leaders, along with the parent's support, and will educate young athletes in the sport of Flag Football as well as the development of life skills.**

- WILL NOT COMMIT ANY PHYSICALLY VIOLENT ACTIONS TOWARD ANYONE PRESENT AT USFTL/NFL SANCTIONED EVENTS.
- PROVIDE A SPORTS ENVIRONMENT THAT IS FREE OF DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL.
- MAINTAIN CONTROL OF HIS/HER EMOTIONS. ACTIONS, LANGUAGE, AND GESTURES THAT MAY BE INTERPRETED AS HOSTILE OR HUMILIATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- RESPECT THE COACHES, PLAYERS, AND SPECTATORS OF ALL TEAMS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER GAME...WIN OR LOSE.
- RECOGNIZE THAT THE REFEREE(S) ARE THE SOLE JUDGE(S) ON THE FIELD. THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.
- INSTRUCT THE PLAYERS IN THE RULES AND COACH THE TEAM IN A WAY AS TO MOTIVATE EACH PLAYER TO COMPETE ACCORDING TO THE RULES AT ALL TIMES.
- I WILL BEHAVE IN A MANNER TO WHICH MY CONDUCT AT ANY FUNCTION INVOLVING PLAYERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS, OR LEAGUE OFFICIALS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE USFTL/NFL.
- I WILL PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF THE PLAYERS AHEAD OF A PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN.
- I WILL NOT DISRUPT THE FLOW OF THE GAME FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.
- I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF MY PLAYERS AND PARENTS DURING ALL USFTL/NFL EVENTS AND UNDERSTAND THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR.
  - I WILL ENSURE THAT TEAM SPECTATORS CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH SPORTSMANSHIP AND MATURITY AT ALL TIMES DURING USFTL EVENTS.
  - I WILL ASSIST OFFICIALS IN MAINTAINING CONTROL OF SPECTATORS/PLAYERS DURING GAMES.
- I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING PRACTICES ACCORDING TO USFTL/NFL STANDARD (2 PRACTICES/WEEK SUGGESTED). PRACTICES WILL BE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL OF MY PLAYERS.

- COACHES ARE APPOINTED BY THE USFTL/NFL AND ARE TASKED WITH REPRESENTING THE USFTL/NFL AND MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE USFTL.
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  - COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS; PRACTICE TIMES, LEAGUE INFORMATION, AND SCHEDULE CHANGES (MOST OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE USFTL WILL BE VIA EMAIL), ETC...
  - KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES FOR PARENTS AND THE PRINCIPLES FOR COACHES.
  - KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE USFTL/NFL RULES & REGULATIONS, AND ANY REVISION TO THE RULES.
  - ENSURE ALL PLAYERS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH USFTL/NFL DRESS CODE BEFORE/DURING GAMES (MOUTHPIECES, GAME JERSEY'S, POCKET-LESS SHORTS/PANTS, APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, "FITTED" FLAGS).
- I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN CARING FOR EQUIPMENT, CARE OF FIELDS, AND CLEANING UP FIELDS AFTER THE GAMES.
- I WILL TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE RANGE OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAME AGE GROUP.
- I WILL REVIEW AND PRACTICE THE BASIC FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURED PLAYERS.
- I WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE IN DEMONSTRATING FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL PLAYERS. BE HUMBLE AND GENEROUS IN VICTORY AND PROUD AND COURTEOUS IN DEFEAT.
- I WILL PROMOTE THE PLAYS (POSITIVE LASTING ATTITUDES IN YOUTH SPORTS) PHILOSOPHY TO MY PLAYERS AND PARENTS.
- IN MY ABSENCE, I WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MY TEAM TO DESIGNATE A REPLACEMENT IN ADVANCE OF GAME DAY AND ENSURE THAT THE TEAM WILL BE READY TO PLAY AND HAVE FUN ON GAME DAY.

COACH (SIGN) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COACH (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_