

CROMWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL, LLC.

Coaches Code of Conduct



The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. **As a coach**, I therefore agree:

- To take the necessary courses and safety training and obtain the proper certification as required by CTYFL.
- To give permission to the CYF Board to run a background check prior to August 1st each year.
- To do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players that is also free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and profanity. I will refrain from their use at all youth football practices, games and events.
- To share any parent concerns or complaints (that cannot be reasonably resolved) with the appropriate CYF Player Representative, Vice President or President.
- To maintain a reasonable level of confidentiality with players' information.

With regard to my players/participants:

I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player/participant in football/cheer.

- 1) I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players and use coaching techniques appropriate for the skills that I teach.
- 2) I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players. I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective and lead by example, always demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to my players.
- 3) I will be knowledgeable of the CTYFL's rules and teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.
- 4) I will encourage players to accept responsibility for their behavior and performance and never condone unacceptable behavior.
- 5) I will ensure each player is wearing the proper equipment and uniform for each practice and game.
- 6) I will not permit an ineligible player to participate in a game or practice.

With regard to opposing teams:

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.

- 1) I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
- 2) I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- 3) Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior or speak in a negative manner towards any member or spectator from the opposing team.
- 4) I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

With regard to Referees:

- 1) I believe that Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best and I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
- 2) I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators. I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.
- 3) Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after a game in a demeaning fashion.
 - Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players/participants, specifically as it relates to the referees, coaches, players, and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Any coach showing or allowing this type of behavior may be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game.
 - If players and/or coaches conduct is not in the spirit of recreational football the referee can have the player and/or coach leave the game for a cooling off period. The same conduct rule applies to spectators. If the cooling off period does not resolve the problem, the person(s) may be asked to leave the field and/or grounds.
 - Coaches should avoid approaching a referee or stepping on to the field to challenge a call in a demeaning way. They may be asked to leave the game and the incident will be presented to the board to be reviewed.

****I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the league which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or suspension or termination of my rights to participate as a coach for Cromwell Youth Football and Cheer Program.**

Print Name _____ Squad _____ Head _____ Assistant _____

(signed)

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