

WCYFL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

WCYFL MISSION STATEMENT:

The Warren County Youth Football League exists to provide an opportunity for all the youth of Warren County to play football in a safe, structured, fun and community-based environment. We will work to enhance opportunities for these individuals to grow, learn, mature and succeed while learning and playing the game of football. Our efforts will be to establish, in each player, an understanding of the basic concepts of the game, the commitment necessary to succeed, and a sense of team work, while promoting safety, fun, sportsmanship and fair-play.

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
Expectations:
 - Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
 - Treating all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
 - Playing all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and abiding by the spirit of those rules

2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
Expectations:
 - Recognizing the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
 - Encouraging all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.
 - Recognizing that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and considering these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with them as a group

3. I will provide a safe playing environment for my players.
Expectations:
 - Maintaining a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions including but not limited to dangerous weather, inadequate field maintenance, and faulty equipment.
 - Seeing that all players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coach's care

4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

Expectations:

- Establishing a formal practice plan that is interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players' skills and individual abilities (stressing individual skill development – minimal time should be spent scrimmaging).
- Devoting appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
- Conducting practices of reasonable length (set forth within the rules) and intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.

5. I will be fair, considerate and honest with all of my players.

6. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players, parents, opposing teams and anyone associated with WCFYL.

Expectations:

- Adopting the position, teaching and demonstrating that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Exhibiting gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Abiding by and supporting the rules of the game and league as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Using the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to demonstrate, promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.
- Never incite un-sportsmanlike conduct that is not consistent with good sportsmanship and/or is considered unreasonable/inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a "little league coach."
- WCFYL will not tolerate any form of unsportsmanlike conduct, from any player, coach, official, referee, parent and/or fan. This conduct includes, but not limited to, negativity, disrespectful behavior, offensive and/or abusive language, spitting, throwing of objects, hitting, fighting, and/or threats of violence, toward any player, coach, official, referee, parent and/or fans

7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

Expectations:

- Being alcohol and drug free at all team activities or in the presence of players.
- Refraining from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities or in the presence of players.

8. I will be knowledgeable in the rules and I will teach these rules to my players.

Expectations:

- Becoming knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulations and policies.
- Teaching and requiring compliance of these rules among players.

9. I will not cheat and/or attempt to manipulate the rules set forth by WCYFL.

Expectations:

- WCYFL will not tolerate manipulation of the rules, playing guidelines, spotter sheets, attempting to gain an unfair advantage, etc.
- WCYFL recognizes and encourages competitiveness; however, in keeping with our Mission Statement (to teach the basic concepts of the game), WCYFL expects coaches not to use legal, extraordinary and/or unreasonable methods/strategies to manipulate the rules and, instead, use methods that are not within the spirit of youth sports and the WCYFL.

10. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.

Expectations:

- Maintaining a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercising your authority/influence as a coach to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.
- Accepting and adhering to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Placing the emphasis on fun and participation while encouraging children to do their best.

11. I will not grab or touch my players in an aggressive and/or physical manner (including, but not limited to: grabbing a player by the face mask, jersey, etc.).

Expectations:

- WCYFL will not tolerate any action that may be deemed aggressive and/or physical in nature

12. I will not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive and/or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game.

Expectations;

- WCYFL will not tolerate crude, foul or abusive language of any kind towards players, opposing coaches, opposing teams, opposing players, parents or fans.

13. I will treat all participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.

I hereby pledge to adhere to the WCYFL Coaches Code of Conduct and follow the rules outlined within the WCYFL rules & guidelines. I fully understand that if I do not uphold said rules & guidelines, I will be held accountable for my behavior. By signing this Participation Agreement, I acknowledge that any violations could result in my immediate termination, and/or suspension, of my ability to coach within the WCYFL. I further understand that, by signing this Participation Agreement, I will fully accept and comply with any disciplinary action taken by the WCYFL due to any actions not in accordance with this agreement (and/or the WCYFL Rules & Guidelines).

Coach

Date

WCYFL Board Representative

Date