



HUDSON YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

2011 Coaches Code of Conduct

In order to be approved to serve in a coaching capacity within the Hudson Youth Football & Cheerleading (HYFC) organization, all coaching applicants are required to read & acknowledge their agreement to the following statements, which exemplify the Conduct of Conduct expected of all HYFC coaches:

Team Requirements:

1. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the wide range of emotional and physical development factors that exist within each age group, and will place each player's emotional and physical well being ahead of my personal desire to win,
2. I will be a positive role model for my players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or other related events,
3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players,
4. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children and not adults,
5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun & challenging,
6. I will commit to allowing each player an opportunity to compete for the position that they want to play, and will strive for 100% participation among my players,
7. I will not tolerate bullying in any manner,
8. I will teach skills using coaching techniques that are age appropriate, and safety focused,
9. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the game and will teach these rules to my players, and
10. I will not engage any parent in any argument, but will instead attempt to resolve any situation through unemotional discussion, or through the appropriate program director,
11. I will never come to a practice or game under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, and recognize that violation of this rule will result in my immediate dismissal from the program,

League Requirements:

1. I will not engage any parent in any argument, but will instead attempt to resolve situations through unemotional discussion,

2. I will escalate any parent issue that I am not able to resolve, unemotionally, to the appropriate program director,
3. I will not violate the league's established issue escalation policies to advance an issue or agenda,
4. I recognize that my role is to teach proper technique and how to win/lose with dignity, and I will continue to teach to the best of my abilities, despite my team's win/loss record or perceived talent level,
5. [Football Only] I will fully comply with all league minimum play and/or mercy rule requirements,
6. [Football Only] I will act only in a sportsmanlike fashion, and will not attempt to embarrass my opponent, in any way,
7. [Asst. Coaches Only] I understand that as an Assistant Coach, I am a member of a coaching staff that is led by a Head Coach, and I agree to follow the Head Coach's direction, at all times. Should I disagree with anything that the Head Coach does, I will address the situation directly with the Head Coach, or will escalate the issue, in writing, to the appropriate program director,
8. I will be immediately responsive to all inquiries or requests from the Association,
9. I will not make contact with players for the purpose of recruiting for a specific team, but rather for the program as a whole,
10. I will actively support association fundraising activities,
11. I will make sure that volunteers have been assigned for each home game to handle the duties of; the scoreboard, the mandatory play count (visitor and home teams), the sideline markers and the concession stand,

Failure to comply with any of the above stated items will be addressed by the HYFC Executive Board of Directors on a per-incident basis, and could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.

The following behaviors are deemed unacceptable for any volunteer serving in the Hudson Youth Football & Cheerleading Program, and the display of such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action by the league's ruling officials.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Vehement argument with officials, opposing coaches, association officers, player parents, and/or other association coaches,
2. Physical confrontations, of any kind, with officials, opposing coaches, association officers, player parents, and/or other association coaches,
3. Throwing balls, clipboards, or other items on the sidelines, or onto the playing field, in such a manner that it is deliberate and offensive,
4. Using and directing offensive or profane language toward any player, coach, spectator or referee,
5. Violation of league mercy rules,
6. Violation of league minimum play requirements,

Depending upon the severity of the incident, physical confrontations will result in a minimum one (1) week suspension, from all league events & activities, and could result in complete dismissal from the program, should it be deemed that the HYFC Coach is the aggressor.

Violation of league mercy and/or minimum play rules will result in a one (1) week suspension for the team's head coach. Suspensions for subsequent violations will be progressively longer: up to & including, dismissal from the program.

Punishments for verbal arguments/disagreements, profanity, violations of league policies and/or unprofessional displays of unacceptable behavior will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and could result in punishment up to and including dismissal from the program, depending upon the circumstances of the situation, and the severity of the incident.

By signing my name below, I hereby agree to abide by the requirements outlined above, and understand that the violation of these requirements could result in my dismissal from Hudson Youth Football & Cheerleading.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

_____ Date: _____

* Note: The HYFC Executive Board consists of the HYFC President, Vice-President, Treasurer, & Secretary