



The West Jersey Youth Football League (“WJYFL”) has high expectations for the conduct of its players, coaches and officials. In order to establish clarity and uniform understanding of League expectations, this Coaches Code of Conduct Form is provided. The term “Coach” as used in this document refers to “Head Coaches,” “Assistant Coaches,” “Team Managers,” and any other official within an organization that has a position of elected or appointed authority within that program. All Coaches are expected to be familiar with the WJYFL By-Laws.

**With regard to my players:**

I accept that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in youth football.

- \* I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
- \* 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.
- \* I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and spirit of the rules of the Game.
- \* I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.

**With regard to opposing teams:**

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

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

**With regard to Referees:**

- \* I believe that Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- \* I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact
- \* I understand that my attitude can influence my players and my spectators.
- \* I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude towards Referees at all times.
- \* Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the Referees, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal, Social Media and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Social Media threats, taunts, complaints and hostility will be treated the same as inappropriate gameday actions, and will be subject to disciplinary action if encountered.

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 my rights to participate as a coach in the WJYFL.

Age Division \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Head \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

Coach’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_