



Prosper Youth Sports Association Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaching a youth sport program such as youth football is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. As a coach, approved by the Prosper Youth Sports Association (PYSA) Commissioner and the Board of Directors, you have an important role in the development of the young children in our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play, and teamwork – values they can use throughout their lives. Football embodies the discipline of teamwork. It challenges players towards the perfection of physical skills and working as a team to accomplish success. The very nature of football teaches that everyone must do their job on every play to achieve success. While every player will eventually experience defeat, whether it is an individual play or losing a game, there is always another chance for success on the next play or game. The PYSA expects each coach to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

Sportsmanship

1. I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good and correct football skills, and have fun in the process.
2. I realize, accept, and will practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.
3. I understand verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be removed from the PYSA event at the discretion of an official or PYSA board member.
4. I understand coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
5. I understand all discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at an official, coach, fan, or player.
6. I understand profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at PYSA events.
7. I understand alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all PYSA events including practices and games.
8. I understand the use of tobacco products on the PYSA fields is prohibited.

Rules and Policies

1. I will know and understand the rules and abide by them (whether flag or tackle). I will instruct my team members on the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to always compete according to the rules.
2. I (along with my assistants) will complete my background check.
3. I (along with my assistants) will complete my USA Football youth coaching certification each year.
4. I will understand the TYFL tackle or PYSA flag participation rules for my division.
5. I will fully comply with the Player/Parents Code of Conduct, and I will ensure each player/parent on my team submits a signed copy to me.
6. I will review the PYSA website (www.prospertx-sports.com) on a regular basis to make sure that I am informed of all updated rules and policies.
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The Officials and Other Resources

1. I recognize disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the official will be handled in a civil manner. I understand only the head coach may initiate such discussions with an official. The coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the official has made his/her final ruling, the coaches will make no further field protest. Off-field protests may be lodged with the Commissioner and the Board of Directors per league policy.
2. I will be responsible in caring for equipment, for keys delegated for my use, for care of fields prior to games and for cleaning up fields and sidelines after games in accordance with policies that PYSA may establish from time to time. I will make sure that all league-provided equipment is clean and accounted for when returned after the season.

The Parents and the League

1. I will maintain an open line of communication with players and their parents. I will be approachable. When approached by a parent to discuss any issue, I will interact and respond in a courteous manner.
2. I will understand and explain the philosophies, goals and objectives, and Codes of Conduct of PYSA.
3. I will ensure that fans of the team always conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity while in attendance at game sites and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. Players and coaches of participating teams may not address or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the sands during a game in which they are engaged. I will make sure that coaches and players are the only persons allowed on the fields/sidelines during a game.
4. I will support (through participation and organization of parents) PYSA in all fundraising efforts and field improvement efforts along with other duties that may be assigned to teams from time to time.

The Team

1. I will conduct practices in an organized manner, with a planned agenda that focuses on specific

skill development appropriate for the skill level of the players.

2. I will focus on providing instruction commensurate with players abilities, so all players can advance their skills towards their full potential, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, as well as establish a solid foundation for further football competition.
3. I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
4. I understand that coaches are approved by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field and to represent the team in communications with the officials, opposing teams and league. If a coach leaves the field, he shall designate a coach as a substitute who will then be responsible and held accountable for the coach's duties.

Non-Game Duties Coaches

Each coach has considerable duties outside of coordinating practices and managing the games. Accordingly, if I am a Coach, I will adhere to the following as well:

1. I will maintain open communication with players and parents to inform them of practices, games, and other responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner.
2. I will attend all required coach's meetings and safety clinics unless I am out of town or have a significant previously made commitment. If I cannot attend, I will ensure that one of my assistant coaches attends on my behalf.
3. I will complete, obtain, and submit to the League all required paperwork, which will include the Coaches Code of Conduct and Player/Parent Code of Conduct forms.
4. I understand that I am the point of contact between my team and other teams and PYSA officials. I understand that I am the person that is responsible for my team. I will take my obligations seriously and communicate effectively and in a courteous manner.

I, the undersigned, agree to follow the Code of Conduct and comply with all League rules, policies, and procedures. I understand the violation of the Code will not be tolerated and that violations will subject me to disciplinary action, and could include a warning, game(s) suspension or season suspension, as well as impact my opportunity to coach in future seasons. I further acknowledge the authority of the Commissioner and Board of Directors of PYSA and understand that if permitted to coach I serve solely at the pleasure of the Board, which permission may be revoked at any time. My failure to honor the authority of the Commissioner, the Board, and its members or to show them proper respect will be deemed to be a violation of this Code of Conduct. Accordingly, I understand that I may be called to speak to some or all of the Board at any time and that if called my failure to so attend could result in an immediate suspension. I understand that if I am suspended, I will not be permitted to attend any league functions (practices, games, etc.).

Signature

Name (printed)

Date

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