



Coaches Code of Conduct

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for all players.

I understand that I have a responsibility to my team, players and their families to address any bullying or inappropriate behavior.

I promise to review and practice the necessary first-aid principles needed to treat injuries to all players.

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

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sporting events.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.

I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and that I will teach these rules to all my players.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

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

I will do my very best to make youth sports are fun for all players.

I agree as coaches we are always teaching our players how to handle situations, and as adults we should be able to work through any issues in a respectful manner and quitting should only be an option in extreme cases.

I acknowledge that we are all emotional individuals, and upon request, any conversation that becomes overly emotional is subject to a 24-hour "cooling-off" period prior to restarting the conversation.

I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment and agree to assist by refraining from use of these items at all youth sporting events.

I agree to treat all families, spectators, league official, and board members with respect and courtesy.

I understand that failure to follow program guidelines, expectations, and rules may result in disciplinary action.

I have read, understand, and agree to the coach responsibilities, game responsibilities, and expectations.

Head Coach: _____

Assistant Coach: _____



Coach Responsibilities

Coaches must follow the "Coaches Code of Conduct"

Coaches understand the league rules including association and league rules.

Coaches should teach the fundamentals of the sport. If lacking in fundamentals, coaches must seek to educate him or her selves with the help of the Program Director or other SYFA resources.

Coaches should address parental concerns openly at an appropriate time (i.e. away from players and other adults following a practice or game). If the situation warrants it, bring the concerns to the Program Director or another SYFA Board Member.

Coaches are responsible for the equipment issued to them. If any equipment is lost or damaged, coaches should report the problem to either the Equipment or Program Directors.

Coaches are responsible for picking up uniforms, pictures, and trophies and distributing these items accordingly.

Coaches are responsible for their players during practices and games until they are picked up by their parent or guardian. No player should be left alone after a practice or a game. A minimum of two trusted coaches must stay at the end of practice and games to ensure all youth have been picked up. No youth may be left un-alone or be unattended at any time.

Coaches must have board approval for all parent helpers and volunteers. Parent helpers and volunteers must be approved by the board at least 24 hours prior to the practice. Said volunteer / helper must remain in close supervision to the trusted coach at all times. Games are limited to trusted coaches only. No volunteer or helper may be alone or unattended at any time, and coach is responsible for any selected helper and volunteer.

Individual Performance awards may not be given or used at any time. Example: Helmet Stickers, Uniform Patches.

Game Responsibilities

One coach from each team is allowed on the field at all times at younger levels – subject to league rules.

Only trusted coaches are allowed in player box at games, to a max of 4 coaches and coaches on the sidelines must remain within the 20 yard line markers.

Coaches are responsible for enforcing all the SYFA rules, regulations and codes.

Coaches are responsible for demonstrating good sportsmanship and proper behavior.

Coaches are responsible for managing their side of the field. This includes managing the behavior of all players, coaches, team members and spectators. Game officials may stop games until all sideline conduct is corrected.

Coaches and officials, as representatives of the league, have the authority to eject anyone whose conduct is in direct conflict of good sportsmanship. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches and spectators. Upon an ejection must immediately notify the program coordinator and the board.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that appropriate playing time requirements are met based upon a player's playing ability, attendance and behavior for each of their player, and subject to program guidelines and expectations.

Coaches are responsible for reporting any problems with the fields to the Program Director or another SYFA Board Member.

Coaches are responsible to police the field area for trash after the game to ensure that the grounds are left free of all trash.

If there is no subsequent game on the field, coaches are responsible to collect all field markers, chains and down markers and bring the equipment to the shed.



The winning coach is responsible to inform commissioner via phone or email of game results within two hours of the game's completion. Game highlights are welcome for possible publication on the SYFA web site.

Miscellaneous Responsibilities

Coaches are responsible for attending all required coaches meeting to review rules, responsibilities and schedule for the upcoming season.

Coaches are responsible for holding a parents meeting. At this meeting, the coaches should set the tone for the season and distribute the game & practice schedule and team roster

One night minimum of practice per week shall be considered a no pads practice. Players must still wear helmets, mouth guard, cleats, and athletic protector. No pads practice is a must and a nonnegotiable.

Practice schedule is set as 4 nights per week, Monday – Thursday. 6-730. Any changes or alterations of practice need to be approved in advance by program coordinator. This is mandatory based on our scheduling of fields and practice facilities.

Coaches should distribute the Player/Parent Code of Conduct & Participation Waiver, if not collected at time of registration. Please collect the completed signed forms and return to the Simley Youth Football Association (“SYFA”) Program Director.