



## **Football Coach's Code of Conduct**

As a coach for the Lanier Lions Football and Cheer Association, you play a pivotal role in shaping the experiences and character development of young athletes. Your conduct both on and off the field sets the standard for sportsmanship, integrity, and respect. The following code of conduct outlines the expectations and responsibilities that accompany your role:

### **1. Respect for Players:**

- Treat all players with dignity, fairness, and respect, regardless of their skill level, background, or performance.
- Encourage and support each player's individual development, both as athletes and as individuals.
- Foster an inclusive and supportive team environment where every player feels valued and empowered to contribute.

### **2. Sportsmanship:**

- Lead by example in demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times, both in victory and defeat.
- Emphasize the importance of fair play, honesty, and respect for opponents, officials, and teammates.
- Discourage unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting, trash-talking, or any form of disrespect towards others.

### **3. Safety:**

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of players above all else.
- Adhere strictly to league rules and guidelines regarding equipment, tackling techniques, and injury prevention protocols.
- Educate players on proper tackling and blocking techniques to minimize the risk of injury.

### **4. Positive Coaching Approach:**

- Adopt a positive and constructive coaching style that focuses on encouragement, motivation, and skill development.
- Provide constructive feedback and guidance in a respectful and supportive manner.
- Avoid excessive criticism, humiliation, or any form of verbal or emotional abuse.

**5. Communication:**

- Maintain open and clear communication with players, parents/guardians, league officials, and other coaches.
- Address concerns or conflicts promptly and professionally, seeking resolution through respectful dialogue.
- Keep players and parents/guardians informed about team schedules, expectations, and any relevant updates or changes.

**6. Respect for Parents/Guardians:**

- Treat parents/guardians with respect and appreciation for their support and involvement in their children's athletic pursuits.
- Listen attentively to parents/guardians concerns and feedback, responding with empathy and understanding.
- Collaborate with parents/guardians as partners in their children's development, fostering a positive and constructive relationship built on mutual respect.

**7. Coach's Responsibility for Conduct:**

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically concerning interactions with referees, coaches, players, and spectators from the opposing team.
- Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Any coach showing this type of behavior may be disciplined, including but not limited to suspension or removal from coaching duties.
- Coaches should avoid approaching a referee or stepping onto the field to challenge a call in a demeaning way. Such behavior may result in expulsion from the game, and the incident will be reviewed by the Lanier Lions Football and Cheer Association board.

**8. League Discipline:**

- I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Lanier Lions Football and Cheer Association and/or the Georgia Football Association, which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or the revocation of my rights to participate as a coach.

***By adhering to this code of conduct, you contribute to the positive and enriching experience of all participants in our tackle football league. Thank you for your commitment to the well-being and development of our young athletes.***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the Coach's Code of Conduct outlined above.

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_