

# METRO MARYLAND YOUTH FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

## *Coaches Code of Conduct*

### **2023**



## **Article XII. Coaches Code of Conduct**

**A.** Uphold all rules and regulations of Metro Maryland Youth Football Alliance.

**B.** Assure that each coach and organizational official has access to and has read all league regulations.

**C.** Assure that each player knows and obeys the Players Code of Conduct.

**D.** No coach shall make any physical contact with a player, coach, game official or parent for any reason at any time, except for customary greetings during the pre- or post-game handshake or in administering aid in an emergency. Any coach/volunteer that attempts to intimidate or threatens a game official will be ejected from the game, suspended indefinitely, and the organization is subject to fines up to \$1000.

Any coach/volunteer that makes physical contact with a game official will be suspended indefinitely, and the organization will be removed from the MMYFA.

**E.** Any coach or team official that knowingly allows an ineligible player to participate in a game will be suspended indefinitely, and the organization is subject to fines up to \$1000.

**F.** It is deemed proper ethics that anyone who knows in advance or has strong suspicions of an ineligible player should contact the Executive Board, Vice President, or any member of the Executive Board as soon as possible.

**G.** Accept decisions of the game officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.

**H.** Together with game officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team's fans and spectators. Any fan that becomes a nuisance and is out of control is the responsibility of the coach and should be removed from the area.

**I.** Do not leave the coach's area to shout instructions from the sidelines.

**J.** Do not criticize players in front of spectators, with gestures and loud noises, but reserve criticism until a more private situation arises.

**K.** Do not criticize cheerleaders, an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans, by word-of-mouth or gestures.

**L.** Refrain from using abusive and profane language to anyone connected with the game, as a spectator, player, opposing coach or game official.

**M.** Do not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct. An instruction to players to "get" another player or attempt to impose bodily harm to opposing players is considered incitement.

**N.** Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking on both game and practice fields.

**O.** Avoid running up scores. When a team leads its opponent by a total of 30+ points, they must make every possible attempt to hold the score down. This applies to 6U division through 13U divisions.

**P.** Assure that no player practices or plays a game without proper equipment.

**Q.** Remove any player from a game or practice when slightly in doubt about his health, whether it is a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

**R.** Assure that a player's scholastic achievement does not suffer because of participation in MMYFA.

**S.** Any coach who actively solicits a player from another organization by either making telephone calls, contacting players through any form of electronic communications, or visiting players will be penalized.

**T.** Only the Head Coach is allowed to speak to the game officials. During timeouts, the teams must huddle on their sideline. The Head Coach will only be allowed to come on to the field to speak to the game officials during timeouts.

**U.** Mandatory CPR training and background checks are required for any coach/volunteer that participates in MMYFA.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign & Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name & Age Group:** \_\_\_\_\_



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