

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

ALL COACHES OF BOTH FOOTBALL AND SPIRIT TEAMS MUST ABIDE BY THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS CODE CAN RESULT IN PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE LEAGUE

A coach must not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.

A coach must not criticize players or spirit participants in front of spectators, but instead reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.

A coach must accept decisions of game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best of their abilities.

A coach must not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.

A coach must emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.

A coach must strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.

A coach must emphasize that winning is the result of good "TEAMWORK".

A coach must not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.

A coach must, together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.

A coach must not use abusive or profane language at any time.

A coach must not "pile it on" and encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can be. In these instances, every effort should be made to let all players play.

A coach must not receive any payments, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football or Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant, or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.

A coach must not permit or encourage "sweating down" tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.

A coach must not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participants' physicians.

A coach must not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.

A coach must not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.

A coach must abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of illegal substances on the game and practice fields.

A coach must remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

A coach must control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you're responsible for your team, and fan reaction will usually be in step with your reactions.

A coach must uphold all rules and regulations, both National and Local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading, and Dance.