



Blaine Youth Football

Coaches' Code of Ethics:

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my team participating in youth sports with the BYF by following the coaches' code of ethics:

- I will be a consistent role model. I will maintain personal and professional integrity both on and off the field.
- I will promote the emotional, physical, academic and athletic dimensions of the athlete.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athlete ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I promise to win and lose with dignity and integrity.
- I will practice open communication with players and parents.
- I will keep the game and practices fun as well as challenging and provide a positive athletic experience.
- I will practice good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for the players, coaches and officials at every game.
- I will refrain from use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco when on the playing field or when with the players.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and will teach these rules to my team.
- I will not abuse coaches, parents, players or officials and I will not tolerate abuse by coaches, parents, players or officials.
- I will make every effort to follow the Association's Fair Play expectations of providing each player an equal opportunity to participate in at least 50% of the game, except for attendance or disciplinary reasons. Due to the nature of Football, equal opportunity does NOT mean equal playing time. At a minimum, I will follow the standards outlined below for the applicable Grade Level I am coaching:
 - **2nd-4th Grade:** All Players will start on Offense or Defense. If there are more players than starting positions available, the remaining players will start on the next series.
 - **5th & 6th Grade:** All Players will start on Offense or Defense. If there are more players than starting positions available, the remaining players will start on Special Teams.
 - **7th & 8th Grade:** All Players will start on Offense, Defense, or Special Teams.