Coaches Code of Ethics

With the understanding that youth sports are for the education, fun and the enjoyment of the kids, and that I, along with the other coaches, am responsible for the safety and well being of the kids on the team and do hereby agree to the following:

• I am a volunteer for the St-Albert Minor Football Association (SAMFA) as a whole. I understand that this is not "MY" team. Any suggestions and decisions by the appointed Board of Directors will be enacted without challenge.

• I will abide by the SAMFA Rules, Policies and Procedures (RPP's) for fair play rules.

• I will place the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of my personal desire to win.

• I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for children in the same age group.

• I will provide a positive, encouraging and safe playing environment for all SAMFA players.

• I will NOT use foul, derogatory or abusive language when coaching or attending youth sports events.

• I will provide a sports environment for SAMFA teams that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol at all youth sports events, including practices and games.

• I will be knowledgeable in and abide by the rules of the youth football and the league in which we play and teach those rules to SAMFA players.

• I will use coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills I teach.

• I will always remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the kids not the adults.

• I will always show respect for and abide by the decisions, calls and judgments of the officials at any game.

• I will not criticize a fellow coach, board member, child or family member in front of the players, fans or families. I will only discuss any disagreements, differences of opinion or conflicts I may have with the person to whom I have the disagreement and at an appropriate time and place.

• I will not use the SAMFA logo without permission from the SAMFA Board of Directors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____