

McFarland Youth Football Coaches Code of Conduct and Ethics

MYF has adopted the following Coaches Code of Conduct and Ethics recommended by USA Football:

- **The coach will not** criticize players. Constructive feedback will be given in a respectful manner.
- **The coach will** accept the decisions of officials.
- **The coach will not** enter into an argument with an official as to any decision that has been made or in any way attempt to influence the decision of an official.
- **The coach will** emphasize that good athletes are good students, and both are physically and mentally alert.
- **The coach will** strive to make every football activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
- **The coach will** support and encourage the personal and skill development of all players, showing interest, enthusiasm and support for all players.
- **The coach will** comply with the "Minimum Play Rule" (MPR) during all games, regardless of the score.
- **The coach will not** use abusive or profane language in front of anyone connected with the game.
- **The coach will not** "run up" the score against an opponent. This includes keeping in the first defense at all times.
- **The coach will not** be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any practice, game, or meeting that involves the players and/or parents.
- **The coach will** set an example in personal conduct at all times.
- **The coach will not** smoke or use any form of tobacco while on the field of play during games, scrimmages or practices.
- **The coach will** treat each player, opposing coach, parent and commissioner with respect and dignity.
- **The coach will** learn the strengths and weakness of his/her players in order to place them into situations where each has a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- **The coach will** protect the health and safety of his/her players by insisting that all of the activities under his/her control be conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults.
- **The coach will** adhere to any/all recommendations made by the on-site trainer as it pertains to player injury and whether the player can continue in the game/practice.
- **The coach will** report to the MYF Program Director any unusual or special circumstances with players or parents.