

Appendix A - COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Southern Maryland Youth Athletic Conference, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted:

1. I acknowledge that my primary responsibility is to foster the stated purpose of the league which is to promote a healthy, pleasant, and safe environment for youth to participate in football. To satisfactorily meet this responsibility, I will:
 - a. Fully abide by the policies, rules, and guidelines as set forth in this handbook.
 - b. Respect the game officials and refrain from communicating with them in an abusive manner.
 - c. Encourage SMYAC team fans to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at all league functions, i.e., games, practices, etc.
 - d. Always refrain from remarks, criticisms, or actions that may be detrimental and cause loss or respect and/or integrity of the SMYAC or any of its participants.
 - e. Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
 - f. Be a positive role model for players by never:
 - (1) Using obscene language and gestures.
 - (2) Physically or verbally intimidating, abusing or assaulting a player, parent, Coach, or official.
 - (3) Making discriminatory remarks based on race, religion, gender, or national origin.
 - (4) Consuming or allowing the consumption of alcohol or be in an inebriated state during practices, games, or in the presence of my players.
 - (5) Encouraging, tolerating, or indulging in substance abuse.
 - (6) Smoking or using tobacco products in front of players during practice, games or other official team functions.
2. I will not knowingly allow a player to be included on a roster or play in a game that does not meet all of the eligibility rules.
3. I fully understand that the game of football should be a fun, rewarding, and positive learning experience for all participants, and playing time is key to providing that experience for my players.
4. I accept and support the principles established by the Code of Conduct and will abide by the Code of Conduct as long as I participate in SMYAC activities.
5. I acknowledge the conditions of this Code of Conduct and understand that any violations will be subject to disciplinary actions by the officials of the SMYAC to include my personal removal and/or expulsion of the organization that I represent.
6. I acknowledge that I have been certified by NYSCA (or equivalent) and my certification is current.

CLUB: _____

WT CLASS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____