

# North Texas Football League

## Coaches Code of Ethics

The purpose of the NTFL Coaches Code of Ethics is to have a uniform set of expectations that may be conveyed to all men and women who desire to coach within the North Texas Football League.

*“The impact you have on the children is great and lasting, more than you’ll ever know. You may never know, so make it positive.” John Madden*

1. No coach may lie to a child, parent, or board member. Telling a documented lie will force immediate removal of the coach and expulsion from the league.
2. All coaches within the NTFL will be of good moral character and shall in no way use profane language, alcohol, or tobacco products during practices or games where children are present. A coach may not use profane language or make derogatory or disparaging statements in the presence of children.
3. A coach may critique a child’s performance in a positive way, but they may never degrade a child personally.
4. A coach will not show disrespect to a parent of a participating child, even when a parent has been disrespectful to the coach.
5. Head coaches are responsible for all coaches and parents of their team. They must assure decorum at home and away games. The inability to maintain decorum may result in removal as head coach.
6. A coach will not be disrespectful to any official. This does not mean a coach may not disagree with a call, however, it does mean they may not act in any way that would bring a penalty or repercussion to the NTFL.
7. A coach cannot openly criticize another coach of the NTFL. If there is a conflict, the coach harboring the conflict must contact their league President to resolve the issue.
8. Coaches must follow the practice plan as set by their local association.
9. Head coaches should attend the coach’s clinic, approved by the board, in advancement of their coaching/instruction skills.
10. Coaches must adhere to the dress code laid out by their local association.
11. Coaches are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Bylaws of the NTFL and those of their local association, as included in their coach’s book.
12. Any breach of the peace or violation of city ordinance or state, or federal statute will not be tolerated.

I understand this NTFL Coaches Code of Ethics is designed to create a better environment for the children of our association and show them the way to act as an adult. My signature signifies that I agree with the terms above.

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Coach’s Signature

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Coach’s Printed Name

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Date