

Trans Valley Youth Football League

Code of Conduct - Coaches and Jr Instructors

Trans Valley Youth Football League is committed to creating positive opportunities and experiences.

Per AB-1 Youth Athletics: California Youth Football Act; a “Coach” means a person appointed by a youth sports organization to supervise or instruct a participant in the sport of youth football and/or cheerleading.

As such, the following goals have been adopted: A positive experience for all athletes, Development of skills to progress as an athlete, Sportsmanship on and off the field. Development of positive values such as commitment, hard work and respect, and Foster a love of the game and of the team building experience. Each of these goals has equal weight. Winning is an outcome of the accomplishment of these goals. The desire to win is fostered; however, winning is secondary to the goals listed above. All athletes must be held to a set of high expectations for their conduct.

The achievement of these goals, in large part, depends on the character and conduct of persons involved in the program as coaches. In order to assure the League’s commitment to those goals all coaches hereby agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct and further agree to the authority of the League to enforce those standards:

The coach shall:

- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my participants.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my participants ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, promising to encourage and reassure them as I teach the fundamentals of football/cheer and sportsmanship.
- Accept responsibility for the actions of my team and for proper communication with officials and opposing teams.
- Will respect all participants and parents, and any opposing coaches, participants, and parents.
- Honor the authority of each official and treat them with respect. Encourage every player to honor the authority of each official and treat them with respect and will not blame the officials for the outcome of the game.
- Refrain from intimidating officials or inciting participants, coaches, or spectators to demonstrate.
- Refrain from shouting, yelling, throwing equipment, or using abusive/foul language at practices or games.
- I will respect the parents and other coaches, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will never question or confront a parent or coach during practice/games and will arrange a time to speak calmly and respectfully with parents or coaches at an agreed time and place.
- Instruct athletes in the fundamental skills, strategy, and physical training necessary for them to realize a degree of individual and team success.
- Emphasize the importance of academics, sportsmanship, and citizenship as part of the athletic philosophy.
- Develop an awareness and understanding of all rules and guidelines governing competition, both in letter and intent, and to comply with them in all activities.
- Encourage leadership of athletes on and off the field.
- Communicate with parents promptly and appropriately.
- Meet deadlines for paperwork and other related duties, including but not limited to required certifications of myself.
- Maintain paperwork/records of athletes as required, including the Team Book.
- TVYFL Coach’s Badge must be worn at all times during practices and games outside of the attire, in clear view at all times.
- Never post any slanderous comments or statements on any social media sites.

If at any time during a game, a coach is ejected or removed by an official or a league representative, that coach will be disqualified from the remainder of that game, the following four (4) games, following four (4) weeks of practice and a \$500 fine will be assessed. The head coach may also be subject to disciplinary actions due to the actions of his coaches. Refer to the TVYFL official rulebook for more details.

Any violations of this Code will be reviewed. If a complaint is found to contain merit, then the Coach affected will be required to appear before the TVYFL e-board. The Board reserves the right to suspend a coach for not following the Code of Conduct at their discretion.

- **I accept the fact that a violation of this code of conduct may result in my suspension or dismissal as a coach. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action.**
- **I understand and agree to follow all rules and regulations in the TVYFL Rulebook, NFHS Football Rules and YCADA Rules.**
- **I understand that TVYFL or the Local team reserves the right to revoke participation at any time, for any reason, without prior notice.**

Coach Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____