

Arkansas Premier Youth Football League

Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

APYFL IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN COACHING CONDUCT ON AND OFF THE FIELD. AS SUCH, ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE ETHICAL CONDUCT AS SET FORTH HEREIN. THE CODE OF ETHICS IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ENFORCEABLE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ALL APYFL MEMBERS, COMMISSIONER(S), DIRECTORS, COACHES AND PARTICIPANTS WHO COMMIT TO ABIDING BY THE FOLLOWING APYFL CODE OF ETHICS.

ARTICLE I. GENERAL MORAL IMPERATIVES

As an APYFL member I will

- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Be respectful of others.
- Know and respect the by-laws, rules and regulations of the APYFL.
- Uphold and promote the principles of this Code.
- Treat violations of this Code as inconsistent with membership in the APYFL.

ARTICLE II. COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITIES

As Commissioner, I will....

- Uphold and enforce the by-laws, rules and regulations of the APYFL.
- Annually communicate, update and revise the rulebook in order to provide clear, concise and consistent rules, thereby eliminating real or perceived violations of those stated rules. This allows for strict enforcement of rules, whether a direct violation or a violation of the spirit of the rule. Thereby insuring the integrity of APYFL and fair play by all. Understanding always that this is a youth organization and we are all role models for our youth.
- Promote good sportsmanship, teamwork, and high moral standards.
- Provide support to all APYFL Directors while remaining NON-INTRUSIVE to their local operations.

ARTICLE III. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Director, I will....

- Provide a responsible football program when none are provided by the local public school system.

- Conduct myself in accordance with the APYFL CODE OF ETHICS in all interactions including coaching and coach supervisory activities.
- Communicate and create awareness of the responsibilities established by this code to those under my supervision.
- Commit to take appropriate action with personnel under my supervision to address any ethics violation as soon as I am made aware.

ARTICLE IV. COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Coach, I will....

- Teach the fundamentals of football and promote good sportsmanship and teamwork.
- Show respect for players, officials, and opposing coaches. Public criticism of officials, players, or coaches is unethical.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
- Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority.
- Recognize my tremendous influence, for either good or ill, and shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Possess a working knowledge of the rules of the game and adhere to the letter and spirit of the rules of the game.
- Provide instruction to players on the meaning and application of the rules of the game.
- Accept accountability for the conduct of players, team officials, and spectators affiliated with my team(s).
- Comply with the rules, policies, and procedures established by the APYFL.