



## **HEREFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL**

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A. Uphold all rules and regulations of CCYFL and Hereford Youth Football.
- B. Assure that each coach and organizational official has access to and has read all league regulations.
- C. Assure that each player knows and obeys the Players Code of Conduct. Assure that each parent knows and obeys the Parent Code of Conduct.
- D. Any coach or team official that knowingly allows an ineligible player to participate in a game will be subject to disciplinary action by the Hereford Youth Football Board.
- E. It is deemed proper ethics that anyone that knows in advance or has strong suspicions of an ineligible player should contact a Hereford Youth Football Board Member as soon as possible.
- F. Accept decisions of the game officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
- G. Together with game officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan that becomes a nuisance and is out of control is the responsibility of the coach and should be removed from the area.
- H. Do not leave the coach's area to shout instructions from sidelines.
- I. Do not criticize players in front of spectators, with gestures and loud noises, but reserve criticism until a more private situation arises.
- J. Do not criticize cheerleaders, an opposing team, its players, coaches or fans, by word-of-mouth or by gestures.
- K. Refrain from using abusive and profane language to anyone connected with the game, as a spectator, player, opposing coach or game official.
- L. Do not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct. An instruction to players to "get" another player or attempt to impose bodily harm to opposing players is considered incitement.
- M. Abstain from drinking of alcoholic beverages and smoking on both game and practice fields.
- N. Avoid running up scores. When a team leads its' opponent by a total of 27 points, they must follow the rules described in the SOP and do everything possible to hold the score down. This applies to all age divisions.
- O. Ensure that no player practices or plays in a game without the proper equipment.

P. Remove from a game or practice, any player when slightly in doubt about his health, whether or not a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

Q. Ensure that a player's scholastic achievement does not suffer because of participation in Hereford Youth Football.

R. Refrain from actively soliciting a player from another CCYFL organization by either making telephone calls or visits.

S. Only one "Speaking" Coach is allowed in the huddle on the field during a game time out. A second coach may provide water to the players.

T. Only the "Head" Coach is permitted to speak to the officials or game director.

U. With regard to the **Players**

- I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.

V. With regard to the **Opposing Teams**

- I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
- I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will speak in a negative manner toward any member or spectator from the opposing team.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

W. With regard to **Referees**

- I believe that Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
- I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
- I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will address Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion. Only the "Head" coach is permitted to speak to the officials and game director.

### **Role and Responsibilities of the Coach**

Coaches are role models for teaching the fundamentals of the sport, sport skills, tactics and sportsmanship. Coaches are responsible for their personal conduct and behavior, as well as, the conduct and behavior of players. Coaches are required to follow the Hereford Youth Football and Recreation Department guidelines at all times. A coach who does not follow the guidelines provided by the Hereford Youth Football and Recreation Department will need to meet with the Hereford Youth Football Board in order to continue to coach. All volunteer coaches shall be "at will coaches," and may be discharged by the Hereford Youth Football and Recreation Department with or without cause. Only coaches who have been approved by the Hereford Youth Football and Recreation Department will be allowed to go on the field of play during practices and games.

**Coaches participating in Hereford Youth Football shall:**

- Be reliable, and on time. (The first to arrive and the last to leave...)
- Be responsible for distributing a game/practice schedule to parents/guardians prior to the beginning of the season.
- Have with you, at all practices and games, the Emergency Contact Information forms for each child on the team.
- Be responsible for making sure first aid kits are on-site at every practice and game.
- Be responsible for ensuring players' parents/guardians are informed of changes to the game or practice schedule. This includes cancellations the day of the game or practice.
- Be responsible for moderating an appropriate and professional use of social media platforms and electronic communications with regard to inter-team communications.
- Ensure that each player receives playing time in games according to the CCYFL and Hereford Youth Football guidelines on playing time. If a Coach fails to meet the guidelines there will be a written warning. If there is a second violation there will be a written suspension. A third violation will result in termination.
- Be responsible for communicating CCYFL and Hereford Youth Football playing time policy as well as their own philosophy regarding playing time to parents/guardians & athletes prior to the start of the season.
- Have all players and team coaches shake hands after the completion of the game.
- Never play an injured or bleeding player. Think of the player first and not the team's final outcome.
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times, and shall refrain from directing abusive or sarcastic language or gestures toward officials, other coaches or players.
- Serve as a role model for players and spectators.
- Ensure that Hereford Youth Football equipment is accounted for, and maintained in usable condition and returned promptly at the end of the season.
- Leave facilities in the same or better condition than they were when the team arrived.

**Understand who you are coaching:**

- Recognize that kids participate for different reasons. Some may be there because their older siblings play and it is expected in their family that they play. Some may Play because they have a parent that is a frustrated athlete and wants to live through their child. Some may play because all their friends do, and they want to be with them. Others may play because they love football.
- Children are not defined by chronological age only.
- Each child matures and develops at a different place.
- Treat each child as a unique individual.
- All activities should be age appropriate.

The above Codes of Conduct pertain to all on field and off field behavior, including but not limited to social media, program meetings, and other CCYFL and Hereford Recreation sponsored events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_