

SRYF Coaches Code of Conduct

The SRYF Executive Board approved and initiated the following in the 2009 Articles of Incorporation on February 24th, 2009. It is the expectation that all adults that wish to participate in the capacity of : Coaches, Assistant Coaches or Instructors will adhere to the following principles:

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

B. The specific purpose SRYF is to: provide youth within our community the opportunity to participate in either tackle football and/or cheerleading in an organized fashion; learn the fundamentals of the sports; and instill the ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship, education, physical fitness, and collaborative play.

This further means all coaching staff agree to the following:

1. First and foremost, as Coach it is your responsibility to ensure that you create a positive environment of learning, fun and reinforcement of proper techniques for your specific sport.
2. A Coach will treat all of his/her Players fairly and with respect at all times. The Coach will communicate his/her expectations to the players and their parents as clearly, consistently, and as early as possible.
3. A Coach is to be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit before, during and after the Game. The Coach is NEVER to address any referee or official in a derogatory manner or step onto the field to confront an official or referee. If there is an issue or dispute, discuss it with the official calmly and patiently. If the complaint is unresolved, or if the Coach thinks the official was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, the coach should report his/her opinion in writing to their association President .
4. A Coach will never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, board member, coach or official/referee. **THIS CAN BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FOR ANY SRYF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION IN ANY CAPACITY.**
5. Before the Game, introduce yourself to the opposing coaches and to the officials.
6. A Coach is responsible for the sportsmanship of the Players during the Game. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible, or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
7. The Coach is also responsible for the conduct of the Players during the game. It is imperative to explain to a player clearly, forcefully, and directly discourage them from being derisive toward officials or opposing players.
8. The Coach is responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for his/her team during the game. Clearly, forcefully, and directly discourage them from being derisive toward officials or opposing players. This should be addressed at pre-season team meeting.
9. A Coach shall not consume alcohol beverages or other illicit substances on or near practice and/or game facilities.
10. A Coach shall never engage in "physical abusive" behaviors will be tolerated at any time. This will include, but not limited to striking a player, grabbing of facemasks, grabbing jerseys and shaking. There is no distinction between your own child on the field or other team members.
11. All coaches will adhere to the minimum play policy as outlined in the SRYF By-Laws.
12. All coaching staff will maintain their identification badges at all times on game days.
13. A Coach shall have his/her team binder in order and available at ALL practices, certification, and at pre-game weigh ins.
14. As a Coach in any of the SRYF Conference associations, I understand that I am required to adhere first to the SRYF By-Laws and secondly by the National Federation of State High School Rules (NFSHS). Both of which the Coach shall have familiarized themselves with prior to stepping on the practice field and/or have any interaction with their team.

I, further understand that any failure to abide by the above guidelines and the SRYF By-Laws can result in disciplinary action by the SRYF board and the association board, as deemed appropriate. Please note this can include forfeiture of games, competition, loss of post-season play, probation, termination from position and/or expulsion from SRYF.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

This shall accompany the SRYF Volunteer Application prior to being certified by SRYF and issued a SRYF ID Badge.