



## **CCFP Coaches Code of Conduct**

The Board of Directors of the Coconut Creek Football Program (CCFP) wants to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. Youth football & Cheer should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, parents, referees and spectators. To this end CCFP Board has instituted the following Coaches Code of Conduct for all of our programs.

Each coach shall strive to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, fair play, teamwork and "healthy" competition. He/she shall provide the opportunity for everyone to play and shall never stress winning ahead of having fun and learning. He/she shall strive to develop the confidence and self-esteem of each individual player on the team regardless of abilities.

Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her player's assistant coaches, fans and parents at practices and games.

- All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent league members from threatening or assaulting referees, coaches, players or fans before, during or after any league activity.
- All parties shall conduct themselves consistent with the objectives established in these rules and the parent code of conduct.
- The coach has the right to send a player away from the playing site in order to meet the objectives of this code of conduct.
- The coach has the right to send a parent, assistant coach or other spectator away from the playing site in order to meet the objectives of the CCFP By-Laws and this Code of Conduct.
- Failure of an individual to leave the playing site per items above is just cause for disciplinary action as provided in ARTICLE V, Section C of the CCFP By-Laws.
- Failure to control any of the parties listed above can result in disciplinary action(s) as determined by the Executive Board, in accordance with CCFP By-Laws and Code of Conduct guidelines which are in effect at the time of the incidents in question,.

Each coach shall ensure the full, active participation of players and coaches in all special events sponsored by the Program.

In addition to the CCFP By-laws and Code of Conduct Tackle Football and Cheer Coaches are expected to know and understand AYFL & AYFLC coaching rules and guidelines and abide by those rules.

The Executive Board reserves the right to deny any coaching/ volunteer position or application or may be relieved, disciplined or suspended at any time at the discretion of the Executive Board.

### **Definition of Infractions:**

**Minor Infraction:** is a single incident of misconduct that breaches the Coaches Code of Conduct but generally does not result in the harm of others. All disciplinary situations involving minor infractions will be dealt with by the appropriate authority: League/Division Commissioner. Three minor infractions in one calendar year will result in termination of the coach.

**Major Infraction:** is an incident of misconduct that severely breaches the code of conduct or breaches the code of conduct more than one time during the incident. All disciplinary situations involving a major infraction will be brought to the Executive board by the commissioner and will be dealt with directly by the Executive Board of Directors.

Upon learning of a potential disciplinary problem, the commissioner will gather information from all parties concerned, including the coach and make a determination whether a disciplinary issue exists.

**Sanctions:**

The Board of Directors reserves the right to impose any or all of the following sanctions:

- No Further Action
- Oral Reprimand – Minor
- Written reprimand – Minor
- Probation – Minor
- Suspension/Loss of coaching Privileges – Major
- Appearance before Board – Major
- Expulsion From the league – Major
- Removal of Child from league – Major

Degree of severity, frequency and perceived intent of infractions will be measured by the Board of Directors in assigning sanctions. Severe infractions may incur the maximum sanction without the need for applying lesser or intermediate sanctions.

**Infractions:**

The following describes examples of minor infractions:

- Failing to follow the established rules of the program – Minor
- Displaying bad sportsmanship, angry outbursts or behavior – Minor
- Derogatory comments directed at a player, parent or referee intended to demean, degrade or insult that individual - Minor
- Use of Profanity - Foul language - not directed to anyone – Minor
- Unintentional minor violation of AYFL/AYFLC bylaws – Minor
- Non Sanctioned practices/practices at non-approved sites - Minor
- Conducting individual fundraising activities not approved by the CCFP Board – Minor
- Ejection from Game 1st incident – Minor
- Knowing or allowing a non-registered participant to participate in practice – Minor

The following describes examples of major infractions:

- Knowing or allowing a non-registered participant to participate in a game – Major
- Manipulation of flag player evaluations and/or draft process in a deliberate attempt to create an unfair advantage. - Major
- Ejection from game 2nd incident – Major
- Abusive language or verbal Abuse - directed at anyone – Major
- Continued deliberate violation of CCFP rules after prior warning – Major
- Accepting compensation of gifts in exchange for consideration of playing time - Major
- Physical Abuse – Major
- Harassment – Major
- Coaching under the influence of drugs or alcohol – Major
- Threatening and/or antagonistic Behavior – Major
- Allowing or encouraging foul, abusive, or threatening behavior by the player – Major
- Knowingly violating AYFL/AYFLC bylaws that exposes the program to sanctions and/or fines. - Major
- Knowing or allowing child to play or practice while having an injury or under concussion protocols – Major
- Knowingly creating unsafe play conditions – Major
- Striking or bodily assault – Major
- Acting in any manner deemed by CCFP Executive Board to be grossly disrespectful to a team or another person - Major

The league commissioner will conduct an investigation and report all infractions to the Executive Board for review. In the case of a minor infraction the Commissioner has the right to impose any of the above sanctions on a coach and they will be reported to the Executive Board. The Executive board of Directors reserves the right to impose additional sanctions or terminate the coach if found necessary after review. All major infractions must be reviewed by the executive board of Directors.

Anything other instances brought to the league commissioner not covered in the above document will be reviewed by the board and a decision will be made whether it is considered a major or minor offense and whether sanctions should be imposed.