

# Coaches Code of Conduct

Wellington Youth Football

Coaches Code of Ethics

## ARTICLE 1-Coaching Responsibilities

1. Our behavior, as a coach, can affect not just their team but the entire league. It is of paramount importance that our actions reflect sportsmanship and respect for each and every participant and each other. Our actions will be governed by a sense of consideration and fair play. A coach or assistant coach shall not:

1. Smoking on the playing or practice fields.
2. Use, illegally, any type of a controlled substance.
3. Use alcoholic beverages when such use may become apparent to the team.
4. Use profane language.
5. No bawling out participant in front of spectators or other coaches.
6. Coaches will stay within the designated coaching area.
7. Physical violence will result in termination.
8. No baiting of the officials during a game is allowed.
9. No baiting of the opposing fans by gestures or words is allowed.

## 2. And Shall:

1. Be on hand to supervise the activities of your team.
2. Notify the League President (head coach), in advance if possible when it is impossible for you to be with your team. (Don't send word with someone else, show respect and call yourself.)
3. Be consistent and fair as possible in all actions concerning your team.
4. Follow all instructions and directives of this organization.

## 3. The Head Coach Shall:

1. Direct and supervise the activity of the participants and assistant coaches.
2. Be responsible for the actions of your participants and assistants.
3. Direct the team during the game and practice responsibly.

## 4. The Assistant Coaches shall:

1. Direct and supervise the activity of your team in such a manner as the Head Coach has directed.
2. Assist the Head Coach at practice and during the games.
3. Not dog the Head Coach's heels during the game and keep track of the participants and their playing time. Keep order on the bench area and attend to minor injuries so the Head Coach may devote their time to directing the team.
4. To assist the Head Coach in any manner requested

#### **ARTICLE 3-Coaches attendance**

1. Coaches are expected to attend practices, games, meetings, and other organizational functions. Absence from such functions without reason and notification may be a cause for dismissal from coaching. Such a dismissal shall be at the discretion of the head coach who will then inform the board.
2. It is up to every head coach to make sure that there is at least one representative for their team at every meeting.
3. Any coaches not attending mandatory functions without board approval may face board review.

#### **ARTICLE 4-Ejections (Football)**

1. Any coach who is ejected from a game will be suspended from all coaching activities and team contact for the next game week. No appeal will be granted.

#### **ARTICLE 6-League Confidentiality**

1. No derogatory literature, including social media, will be tolerated.
2. It is understood that a coach in a competitive sport might not like all his/her colleagues. Any disagreements shall be directed to the other person or the coaches, or the Board internally. Internal disputes are to be kept internal.

#### **ARTICLE 7-Discipline**

1. Every Board Member, Head coach, and assistant coach of the Wellington Youth Football League is required to adhere to the Regulations and the Code of Ethics.
2. No conduct that brings, or may bring, discredit or harm to the League shall be tolerated. No intentional humiliation of a participant or a team is tolerated. No intentional harm or injury to a participant shall be tolerated.
3. Any violation of the Code of Ethics may cause the termination or suspension of any member from the League by means of a written complaint from any member.
4. Such complaint shall be discussed, and then voted on by all members of the league as to whether it shall be of a "major" or "minor" type of violation with said violating member

present if they wish. At which time accused member shall have the opportunity to defend themselves.

5. A Minor violation shall carry a punishment not to exceed a 1 week suspension from all activities involving the Wellington Youth Football League. And shall be voted on by the board.  
a). Second Minor violation shall carry a permanent termination for the season. And shall be reviewed by board if they are allowed to coach again for Wellington Youth Football.
6. A Major violation shall carry a punishment a 2 weeks suspension or longer, or permanent termination, and shall be voted on by the voting members of the league.
7. All decisions shall be final without any right of appeal.

Age Division \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(signed) (date)

**“Never forget that this league is and always will be about, and for the kids, and that whether or not you agree, you ARE role models.”**

**David Bush 2014**

**“A coach should always be aware of the tremendous influence they have over their players, and their ability to influence them for good or bad. Parents entrust their dearest possession to the coaches’ charge, and the coaches should make every attempt to see that those who have played under them have been positively influenced for having done so. The coach should never place the value of a win above that of instilling the highest desirable ideals, and character traits in their participants. The participant’s safety and welfare are always uppermost, and never sacrificed for personal prestige, or selfish glory.”**

**Beth Paul 2014**