

DCAYFL Coaches Code of Conduct (updated 04 Aug 2014)

The DCAYFL program is dedicated to providing the best possible opportunities for youth football players to develop and promote the ideals of responsibility, hard work, sportsmanship and teamwork. Our goal is to increase self-confidence and self-respect and encourage leadership. Teach proper attitude toward competition encourage each player to maintain a good academic record while still having fun teaching fundamentals in a safe environment with the emphasis on team participation and life skills. All players, parents or guardians, team volunteers, spectators and coaches are expected to maintain and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout their association with DCAYFL. The objective of this Code of Conduct is to ensure standards of Practice and game field conditions, behavior and positive attitudes while ensuring due process for misconduct. Coaches are responsible for: Safety of the practice and game sites, team representative, other coaches, parent/guardian, and team volunteer. Coaches may initiate an investigation of any incident by players, parents or guardians, other coaches, officials, team volunteers or members of their Board of Directors, which they believe violates any part of the Code of Conduct. The Grievance Procedure Form can be found on the DCAYFL page.

Coach's checklist:

- Coaches will be responsible for providing all players and parents will a practice plan, through USA football.
- All equipment has been properly fitted "to ensure it is safe to use" and discarded if deemed unsafe.
- All helmets and equipment are being rechecked though out the course of the season "to ensure it is safe to use".
- It is recommended that at least one coach from each team is First Aid and CPR trained.
- Ensure that ALL coaches from the team are certified in an insurance backed program: USA football
- Ensure that no use of alcohol, tobacco, or any other illegal controlled substance will be used at any youth football experience.
- Practice and game fields are free from any potential hazards, i.e.: Holes, rocks, trees, fences, goal post and any others for your site.
- Assuring a safe distance around the practice fields, free from potential hazards.
- Assuring a safe distance around the game fields, free from potential hazards. Note each game field needs to have a coaches and players box, No spectator standing or sitting, tables, chairs, bleachers, trees, fences, or any other potential hazards can be within a **10** yard space around the whole field.
- All player issues that result in a player being removed from games **MUST** be communicated to your program and to the DCAYFL.
- All Coaching/team helper issues that result in removal from practices and or games **MUST** be communicated to your program and to the DCAYFL.
 - Coaches will have the same philosophy as the DCAYFL in terms of what this league is all about. Failure to comply with this could result in your removal. If the program refuses to remove the coach then the program will be removed from the league.
 - Coaches will play, players at least **25%** of the plays in a game (as per DCAYFL by-laws).
 - Coaches will Freely substitute players, in and out of the game as the score becomes greater then a 21 point lead. A coach must substitute all players on the field to show good sportsmanship. Note players that are to be removed first are the players that are playing both ways. That player may now only play on O or D not both.
 - The DCAYFL signs of spectator conduct will be posted at each game field before each game and on both sides of the field or where both teams can see the signs.
 - Issues that come up with the teams that you play each week must be conveyed to your Program Director so that both sides of what happened can be talked about. If the issue can not be worked out to the satisfaction of teams or program directors then the issues must be conveyed in writing to the DCAYFL board within five days after the incident. The decision of the DCAYFL board is the final decision.
 - Do not criticize or confront officials or coaches in front of other parents, players, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.
 - Allow a cool down period of 24 hours before discussing any matters or filing a grievance against any coach, official, parent or player. (Unless eminent threat requires immediate action).
 - Provide a positive example in personal conduct at all times.
 - Support the officials and refrain from "sideline officiating".
 - Do not use profanity; refrain from any unlawful or unwarranted physical contact with anyone.
 - A Doctor's decision in all matters of player's health and injuries and physical ability to players must be adhered to.
 - Provide information on the weigh-ins. Do not encourage players to lose weight, Remember players can be reweighed and have a blue star status added if there are reasons to have a player reweighed.
 - As a coach in the DCAYFL you have sworn and attested that you have never had an incident which resulted in an allegation of abuse and or molestation of anyone age 0 to 100.
 - All final decisions are make by the DCAYFL.
 - Inform all about the DCAYFL web site.

Head Coach Name: _____, **Coach signature/date:** _____

Phone #: _____

Assistant Coach Name: _____, **Coach signature/date:** _____

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Assistant Coach Name: _____, **Coach signature/date:** _____

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Assistant Coach Name: _____, **Coach signature/date:** _____

Phone #: _____

Team Helper Name: _____, **Coach signature/date:** _____

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