



Monroe Woodbury Youth Football

Orange County Youth Football & Cheer League



Chester - Cornwall - Goshen – Highland - Highland Falls – Kingston - Marlboro - Middletown - Minisink Valley
Monroe-Woodbury – Monticello - Newburgh – Newburgh (City) – New Paltz - Pine Bush – Port Jervis
Valley Central - Wallkill - Warwick – Washingtonville

Coaches' Code of Conduct and Responsibilities.

Coaches are role models. As such, they shall always conduct themselves so as to maintain the highest principles, integrity, and dignity of the game. The coaches must adhere to both the letter and the spirit of all rules.

With Regards 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 a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

Game officials, like coaches and players, are major participants in the game. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. The coach shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any behavior from others (staff, squad, or fans), verbal or otherwise, that might reflect poorly on an official. This includes, but is not limited to, arguing a judgment call in such a manner as to incite players and spectators against an official. Any spectator that is unable to regain self-control will be asked to leave the grounds completely. Failure to do so will result in the team's forfeiture of the game.

Interaction With Opposing Teams:

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.

- 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.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

Coach & Player Interaction:

I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in football.

- I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
- I will treat all of my players with equal respect & dignity.
- I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
- I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the Laws, as well.
- I will lead by example and teach the importance of respect and how to be winners both on and off the field.
- Coaches have the final say on position placement. Parent coercion in regards to player placement will not be tolerated. Playtime rules will default to the appropriate divisional guidelines as outlined by the OCYFL.

Coaches' Rules & Etiquette:

Coaches are any organizations greatest asset. How coaches interact with one another not only determines the success of the organization, but how we are judged by players and parents on how we perform and make decisions as a cohesive unit while under pressure.

- Head coaches are responsible for providing the assistant coach with specific job descriptions. The description should include setting goals, expectations and responsibilities for practice and game planning.
- Head coaches must communicate with assistant coaches in a clear and consistent manner.
- If I am unable to attend a practice or a game, I will notify ALL coaches of my absence.
- Assistant coaches will support and respect the head coaches decisions as final on the field at all times.
- I agree that differences in opinions that cannot be resolved on the field will be respectfully discussed off the field following a game or practice. I will never allow a situation to escalate in front of players or parents.
- As an assistant or head coach, I agree to never undermine another coach on social media, email or text message. I understand that by doing so, I will be immediately & permanently terminated from the organization without warning.
- Coaches to always wear appropriate attire – athletic pants, shorts, sweats, tee shirts and sweatshirts. Uniformed game attire; league provided coach shirt, black shorts or athletic pants. At no time will a coach wear jeans, ripped pants, sleeveless cutoffs or tank tops. Pants/shorts that drop below the waist are not permitted.

Conflict Resolution & Avoidance:

- As a coach, I agree to resolve any issue with another coach directly in a civil manner.
- If coaches are unable to reach a resolution with one another, it is agreed that an off-field discussion will take place with the league Football Director to mediate and resolve.
- Issues that cannot be resolved amongst coaches and with the assistance of the Football Director will be put forth in front of the board of directors to arbitrate and reach an amicable outcome.
- It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to keep parents off both the practice and game fields for insurance purposes. An appropriate area will be marked and designated for parents and spectators. This is necessary for both player & spectator safety and to minimize player and coaching distractions.
- Parent/Coach conflicts should be brought to the attention of both the Football Director or Cheer Director & League Director.
- The coaching staff is responsible for outlining the parent/player expectations and reviewing the parent code of conduct with a Board Member present. (1st week of official practice) This includes but is not limited to; practice days & times, rules and game day consequences for unannounced missed practices, minimum number of practices & player behavior.
- I understand that being part of a coaching staff means I will strive toward working in a cohesive manner and will work toward a consensus when rectifying team or parent related issues with other coaches.

Coach's Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Note: Any coach not following the MWYFC /OCYFL Rules or the Coach's Code of Conduct is subject to review before the MWYFC Board of Directors. Anyone found in violation is subject to removal from the Orange County Youth Football League. The Board has final say on all matters of coaching personnel in the MWYFC/ OCYFL.

