

Orange County Youth Football/Cheerleading League

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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 regard 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.

With regard to 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.

With regard to my players:

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 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 also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by local league official, head coach, and/or the OCYFL Board
- Written warning from the local league, and/or the OCYFL Board
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Season suspension with OCYFL Board review before reinstatement

Coach's Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

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