



Head Coach ,Assistant Coach's and Trainers- Code of Ethics with SAMFA

With the understanding that youth sports are for the education, fun and the enjoyment of the kids, and that I, along with the other coaches, am responsible for the safety and well being of the kids on the team and do hereby agree to the following:

1. I understand that I am a volunteer and not a voted position, and as such the SAMFA Board is entitled to remove me from my position without explanation or formal complaint. I understand that their positions are to ensure that seasons are to run smoothly, and this includes organizing and negating any issues within the Coaching Staff of any teams, including removing staff if necessary.
2. I will abide by the SAMFA Rules, Policies and Procedures (RPP's) for fair play rules.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of my personal desire to win.
4. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for children in the same age group. I will provide a positive, encouraging and safe playing environment for all SAMFA players.
5. I will never verbally abuse anyone, (player, parent, staff or official). This includes but is not limited to swearing, verbally berating, purposely embarrassing or name calling;
6. I will provide a sports environment for SAMFA teams that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol at all youth sports events, including practices and games.
7. I will be knowledgeable in and abide by the rules of the youth football and the league in which we play and teach those rules to SAMFA players.
8. I will use coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills I teach.
9. I will always show respect for and abide by the decisions, calls and judgments of the officials at any game.
10. I will ensure to ask my manager to communicate with parents any information I think they need forwarded to them that I am made aware of.
11. I will not criticize a fellow coach, board member, child or family member in front of the players, fans or families. I will only discuss any disagreements, differences of opinion or conflicts I may have with the person to whom I have the disagreement and at an appropriate time and place.
12. If a conflict arises I will ensure that 2 other neutral adults are present during any conversations with players, staff or parents. If this is not possible at the moment I will ask to have the conversation at a later time and ensure a time is scheduled to do so. The neutral parties must NOT be a spouse or family member and I understand that I must abide by this, even if our relationship is not well known;
13. As a Coach I will never undermine the Trainer's decisions on whether a player is able to play. As a Trainer I understand that my decision is final and it is my responsibility to make sure that a player does not step foot on the field without medical clearance;
14. As a Assistant Coach or Trainer, I understand that I am obligated to follow the direction of the Head Coach or Trainer for the team. I understand that the Head Coach or Trainer are liable for my actions, and as such if they decide that my actions show I should not be Assistant Coaching or Training under them any longer they may remove me from my position at any time;
15. As a Head Coach, I will ensure that expectations for my team are set out at my first practice, including but not limited to expectations for appropriate interactions with the coaching staff, expectations for the players (on and off the field) and expectations for the season.

I understand that by breaching any of the above points that I may be removed from the SAMFA for the remainder of the season and also, depending on the severity of the offense(s), may be banned from volunteering within the organization indefinitely.

Name _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2023-2024