

QUAKER VALLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

The purpose of The Quaker Valley Youth Football and Cheerleading organization ("QVYFC" or "the Organization") is to provide development and instruction in youth football and youth cheerleading in the Quaker Valley area. The Organization aims to promote discipline, dedication, teamwork, respect, safety, good sportsmanship, and community spirit, and encourages both athletic and academic achievement for its players and cheerleaders. QVYFC is a proud member of the Quaker Valley Community and promotes the involvement of players and cheerleaders in the community.

All QVYFC Head and Assistant Football and Cheer Coaches ("Coaches") are chosen by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors. Head Coaches may select up to five Assistant Coaches, who will be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board. Each Head Coach is responsible for actions taken by the members of his/her staff and his/her players or cheerleaders. All Coaches agree to abide by the Coach Code of Conduct.

Coach Requirements

QVYFC Coaches are **required** to do the following:

- Consider foremost the safety, welfare, and well-being of QVYFC's players and cheerleaders. This includes but is not limited to, insuring the suitability of playing area, proper uniform and correct use of equipment, prompt attention to injuries, and application/teaching of approved techniques.
- Contribute in a positive, healthy way to the athletic and academic development of players and cheerleaders.
- Exhibit and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Support all fundraising efforts of the Organization and encourage players/cheerleaders to do the same.
- Maintain open lines of communication with parents/guardians and with the QVYFC Board of Directors.
- Promptly notify parent/guardians of any violation of the Athlete Code of Conduct and determine the appropriate course of action. If a coach believes that a player or cheerleader's removal from the Program is warranted, the coach will present a request for removal to the Board of Directors.
- Participate in Heads Up Football training (Football Coaches only).
- Obtain and maintain appropriate criminal history and child abuse clearances.
- Obtain and display Coaches' badges during games.

Coach Prohibitions

QVYFC Coaches are **prohibited** from:

- Abusing, assaulting, threatening, demeaning, harassing, or intimidating any player, cheerleader, Member, coach, Director, game official, opponent, or spectator.
- Harming minors in any way.
- Using obscene, vulgar, or offensive language at any QVYFC-related event.
- Maintaining order and discipline through the use of harsh, excessive, cruel, dangerous, or degrading punishment.
- Taking any player or cheerleader from a practice or game for any reason without receiving prior permission from parents/guardians.
- Encouraging play that is considered unsafe, illegal, or unsportsmanlike. This includes, but is not limited to, "running up the score" on opponents, and the use of football moves such as spearing, head hunting, illegal tackling, blatant face masking, or late hits.
- Using race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion, socio-economic status, or familial relation to discriminate against players or cheerleaders.
- Smoking on the field during practices or games.
- Scheduling additional practices or a practices at times other than those that have been approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season. If additional practices are required, the Coach should request prior approval from the Board.
- Acting in any manner inconsistent with the purpose and/or goals of the Organization.

Removal of a QVYFC Coach

Any violation of the Coach Code of Conduct may result in the removal of the Coach from the Organization. The General Manager and one other Director shall review any request for the removal of a Coach from the Program. The General Manager and other Director shall present the reasons for removal to the Board of Directors. The Coach will be removed from the Program by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board. Following a vote for removal, the Coach will be notified by formal letter of the decision and the reasons for removal.

***I have read and understand all of the above, and as a QVYFC Member, I hereby agree to abide by the QVYFC Member Code of Conduct.**

DATE

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE