

McKinney Sports Connection Coach Code of Conduct.

Youth football and cheerleading play a vital role in encouraging the physical, social, and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage their youth football players and cheerleaders to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline, and character development.

Coach Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge that:

- I will provide positive support, care, and encouragement for the children participating in youth sports.
- I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun playing sports.
- I will treat all kids with respect and only provide constructive feedback and coaching.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.
- I will provide fair playing time opportunities based on player skill level and practice attendance while ensuring all players are safe during practices and games.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will not use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, or official.
- I will refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco at all McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activities.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will provide a safe environment and use coaching techniques appropriate for each player.

Conduct Unbecoming

The following conduct will be subject to disciplinary procedures:

- The physical abuse of any person.
 - This includes, but is not limited to, hitting, slapping, kicking, jerking, or any other physical contact designed to discipline or humiliate.
- The verbal abuse of any person.
 - This includes disparaging or derogatory comments directed at players, coaches, referees, officials, or parents.
- The consumption or possession of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, alcohol, or tobacco at any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.
- The unsafe use of a motor vehicle at any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.

- The abuse of property, vandalism, or theft while participating in any McKinney Sports Connection sanctioned activity.
- The failure to leave the playing field or sideline immediately when instructed to do so by a game official, referee, coach, or any McKinney Sports Connection Board member or League Official.
- Incurring intentionally large scores/lopsided defeats. (50+point differential)
- Disruptive attempts to coach from the sideline.
- Any extreme or unusual practice or drill that could be harmful.
- Players leave any activity prior to its completion without permission from the manager, coach, or volunteer in charge.
- Dishonesty or cheating.
- The use of profanity.

Other forms of conduct, not specifically described above, may be subject to disciplinary action from the Association and/or the sports leagues.

Misconduct, as outlined above, may be subject to but not limited to the following levels of disciplinary action:

- Coach and/or commissioner conference with player's parent or guardian;
- Ejection from a game;
- Suspension from practice(s) or game(s);
- Suspension from the grounds for a specified time;
- Expulsion from McKinney Sports Connection.

Determination of the disciplinary action issued for any code of conduct violation is at the sole discretion of the appropriate league official(s) or their representatives.