



# BYF Coaches Code of Conduct

Youth Sports can sometimes bring out the worst in adults. In order to provide a safe and positive environment, all Head and Assistant must read, agree and sign the following Code of Conduct Form. If we do not have your signed Code of Conduct on file, you will not be allowed to coach at BYF practices or games.

## **By Coaching for Bemidji Youth Football I agree to the following:**

1. I will remember that children participate in BYF to have fun and that the game is for them, not the adults.
2. I will learn and adhere to the rules, policies and procedures for BYF
3. I will be a positive role model for my players and encourage good sportsmanship by example. I will treat each player, coach, official, board member, parent and spectator with respect at all times.
4. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, coach, official, board member, parent or spectator including but not limited to: taunting, refusing to shake hands, use of profane or abusive language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behavior that would endanger the health, wellbeing or participation of any player, coach or parent.
6. I will teach my players to play by the rules and resolve conflict without resorting to hostility, violence or name calling.
7. I will teach my players that "Doing one's best" are more important winning or outcome of a game.
8. I will ensure that all my players get equal playing time on both offense and defense and not limit them to 1 or 2 positions or 'pigeon hole' them into any position.
9. I will praise my players for competing fairly and trying their best and never ridicule any effort by a player.
10. I will emphasize skill and development over outcomes.
11. I will demand a safe and positive environment for the league and will never be under the influence of any drugs, alcohol or tobacco at any BYF event.
12. If I make a mistake, I will own my behavior and accept the responsibility of the outcomes.
13. I will emphasize parity between teams and draft my team with my grade level accordingly.

By signing this document I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines I will be subject to the league disciplinary policy actions.

## **League Disciplinary Actions and Protocol\***

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| First Offense:  | Verbal Warning and request to comply, cease or desist from inappropriate action.   |
| Second Offense: | Ejection and removal from the current BYF event, practice or game by BYF Admin.    |
| Third Offense:  | Multiple Game and/or practice suspension.  |
| Fourth Offense: | Contact Bemidji Law Enforcement and permanent disbarment from all BYF involvement. |

\*All incidents will be documented by BYF.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BEMIDJI YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS RULES PROVIDED MY SIGNATURE BELOW. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT SIGN, I WILL BE UNABLE TO COACH IN THE BEMIDJI YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM.**

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Printed Name

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature