

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Pax River Raiders Youth Football and Cheer established a mission statement as it relates to the game of football. Coaches are expected to abide by it as well as the following code of conduct...

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 my players 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 the 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 rules of the Game as outlined in the SMYAC Rule Book.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.

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 teams.
- Neither I, nor my players and spectators, will speak in a negative manner toward any member or spectator from the opposing team.
- I will emphasize winning without boating and losing without bitterness.

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 coaches a respect for the position of referee.
- 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 a game in a demeaning or aggressive nature.

With regard to personal conduct:

I believe that my personal conduct does reflect on Pax River Raiders Youth Football and Cheer and my can have a significant impact on the children under my supervision.

- I will be a positive role model for all players.
- I will refrain from using obscene language and gestures.
- I will never be physically or verbally intimidating or abuse or assault a player, parent or coach or official.
- I will never make discriminatory remarks based on race, religion, gender, or national origin.
- I will refrain from consuming or allowing the consumption of alcohol or be in an inebriated state during practices, games, or in the presence of my players.
- I will never encouraging, tolerate, or indulge in substance abuse.
- I will refrain from smoking or using tobacco products in front of players during practice, games or other official team functions.
- I acknowledge that I have been certified by NYSCA and my certification is current.
- I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Coaches assignment.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their staff, players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to interactions with referees, coaches, players and spectators on the opposing team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Any coach showing this type of behavior may be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game as determined by the Board.

If players and/or coaches conduct is not in the spirit of recreational football the referee can have the players and/or coach leave the game for a cooling off period. The same conduct applies to spectators. If the cooling off period does not resolve the problem, the person(s) may be asked to leave the field and/or grounds. Coaches have a responsibility to maintain order on their side of the field at all times.

I understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the league which may include but is not limited to game suspension(s) and/or my rights to participate as a coach for the Pax River Raiders Youth Football and Cheer.