

SVJFAC Coach Code of Ethics Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to inform prospective coaching applicants of the responsibilities and expectations which will be honored by any and all coaches within our association.

This is an agreement between potential coaching candidates and the SVJFAC organization, to be signed and turned in with an application for any prospective coaches. A signed agreement is required in order to be eligible for a coaching position.

Upon the formation of teams, all assistant coaches will also be required to review, sign, and adhere to this agreement.

Adherence to this agreement is required for ALL Coaches at Seneca Valley. Failure to comply will result in a disciplinary review and potential disciplinary action by the Seneca Valley Board of Directors.

SVJFAC Bylaws: Article II Section B: The objective will be achieved by providing competitive football, and cheerleading. The association will bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of the games is secondary to the primary goal of molding responsible and healthy men and women.

Coach Code of Conduct

As a Coach, I will:

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of all Seneca Valley Junior Football players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within a similar age group.
- Do my best to provide a safe playing and practicing situation for all of my players.
- Organize practices that are fun, challenging, and teach the fundamentals of football.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship to all of my players.
- Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Be knowledgeable of the rules of youth football, and I will teach these rules to all of my players.
- Use sound fundamental coaching techniques to teach skills to all of my players. I will keep the safety of the players and our opponents as a primary concern when coaching these techniques.
- Agree to obtain any and all background checks, coaching, and safety certifications as required by my association and our league, and will do so within the timeframes required for each.

1. All Coaches (including Head Coaches and all assistants) acknowledge, support, and will embrace the philosophy that this is a Developmental football program. All coaches will also remind the parents of this point.
2. All head coaches are responsible for the proper conduct of every coach, player, and adult who he justifies being on the sideline area.
3. All head coaches and their staff are bound by the SVJFAC code of conduct and are expected to be a positive role model and mentor to any player under his charge.
4. SVJFAC is a community organization in which we have football and cheerleading teams. Football teams will use the "HOME" side of the field at home games, with the cheerleading squads, regardless of the side the fans are on.
5. The Head Coach will reinforce the Association Code of Ethics to parents and fans, reminding them to conduct themselves respectfully when interacting with parents and fans of competing teams.
6. The head coach of each team will designate a "Developmental Coach" to work with less skilled/experienced players throughout the season to bring their fundamental skills up to a level in which they can be used as an adequate replacement in their positions. This is also in place to help the head coach during a game to more easily get players their minimum plays, and to ensure all kids are getting individual attention during practices.

7. All coaches must agree to adhere to properly administer the spirit of the Varsity/JV dynamic. A player who is asked to "dress" for the varsity game is still expected to get the SVJFAC minimum 8 plays regardless if that player plays in the JV game following or not. If a coach has deemed it necessary to have that player ready to play, then he needs to play.
8. Each head coach will designate an assistant coach on the team who will track the number of plays each player receives during a regulation game. On game day, the "Play Tracking Coach" will fill out the play form to keep track of the number of plays each player participates in. The tracking sheets shall be submitted to the Football Coordinator on the Monday following each game.
9. The Head Coach will empower the Developmental and Play Tracking Coaches to ensure all players are active participants in each game. All coaches agree to adhere to the association and league minimum play policies, and will strive to exceed the minimum plays for each child, each and every week. Failure of adherence to the minimum play rules without justifiable cause will result in disciplinary action (See Appendix A).
10. The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that all members of the coaching staff complete all required training and background check certifications by communicated deadlines. Any coach not in compliance with these requirements (including not turning in required documentation) will not be permitted to participate in practices or games until the necessary requirements are completed, and documents are turned into the football coordinator.
11. Each Head Coach acknowledges that their role extends beyond their coaching responsibilities. This includes participation in SVJFAC and League meetings and events. Coaching Staff representation from each team at General Meetings, FOC Meetings, league meetings (SMOKER), fundraisers, Cheer Fest, equipment hand-outs and turn-ins, and other important meetings are vital to the program, and Coaches will make an effort to be present at these functions.
12. Any action deemed "not in the spirit of the mission of SVJFAC" is subject to review and further action by the Executive Board.

I certify that I have read this contract and agree to abide by the stipulations herein.

Coach Name (Print)	Signature	Date

SVJFAC Football Coordinator (or Board Member)	Date