

## CLEVELAND MUNY FOOTBALL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT PLEDGE

I hereby pledge to live up to the standards of a coach that were set by the Cleveland Muny Football League, by following the Coaches' Code of Conduct Pledge.

- I shall place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I shall remember to treat each player as an individual, with respect and dignity.
- I will attend every workshop, practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify the Organizational Coordinator if I cannot attend
- I shall be illegal drug and alcohol-free during games and any activities for the entire season. I will try to carry this throughout my personal life. I shall refrain from their use before and at all CMFL sports events.
- I will remember that the game is a small portion of my life and that there are far greater goals than just winning.
- I shall do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players and if in my opinion a player appears impaired in some manner, I shall report it to organizational coordinator immediately.
- I promise to get to know my players as young men and to provide them with a positive role model, both on and off the field.
- I shall lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play, courtesy and sportsmanship to my players, opposing team members and game officials.
- I shall lead, by example, in wearing athletic apparel, same colors as my team. I will not wear excessive jewelry and doo rags.

### 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 spectators a respect for that fact.
- 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 the game in a demeaning fashion.

### 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 players.
- 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 boasting and losing without bitterness.

**INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.** It is strongly recommended that no ineligible participant compete in any practices, contest or event against eligible contestants. Players considered ineligible include being older than the allotted age group, playing for a school team or another league during our calendar season.

**MINIMUM PENALTY FOR USING INELIGIBLE PLAYER.** In the event an ineligible contestant is used in any League game or contest, knowingly or unknowingly, the minimum penalty shall be forfeiture of the game, contest or event.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_