



CFL NFL Flag Football

Coaches Code of Conduct

Both the Canadian Football League and National Football League are committed to having all participants; specifically coaches, act in a respectful, polite and appropriate manner.

The following Code of Conduct applies to all participants in the CFL NFL Flag Football Program, but is specific to those who will be undertaking the role of a coach. We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all children and adults involved. Football should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, officials and spectators.

Recognizing that the game of Flag football begins and ends with your leadership. The way that a coach behaves will ultimately determine how his/her players choose to behave. At all times, we ask that you;

- 1) Ensure that you exemplify; respect, poise and a positive attitude.
- 2) Ensure that you interact in a professional and supportive manner with all officials and game related staff; accepting all decisions and judgements of said officials and staff.
- 3) Ensure that your players demonstrate; respect (to teammates, opposition, and the officials), teamwork and sportsmanship.
- 4) Ensure that the parents/ guardians of your team; respect all decisions of the officials and staff, cheer in a positive and upbeat manner (for both teams), and help to uphold a safe and welcoming sport environment that is free of harassment and abuse.
- 5) Ensure that you coach only in a positive manner, looking to provide effective and positive feedback to players, while always remembering that these are young athletes who are at the peak of their emotional and physical developmental years.



Additionally, please remember that;

- 1) You are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game.
- 2) You are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. Discourage them from yelling negative remarks at players and the officials.
- 3) If you have a major complaint, or if you think the officials were unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to tournament staff in a respectful manner.
- 4) There shall be no use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs.
- 5) During the game; you should only address the officials in a calm and respectful manner.
- 6) After a game; ensure that win or lose you, your fellow coaches and your players thank and shake the hands of the officials, opposing players and coaches.

You, as a coach, set a powerful example. Players and parents take their cue from you before, during and after the game. Concentrate on the players' enjoyment of the game and their long-term development. Your actions will help set a positive tone for the day.

Coaches who don't adhere to the behaviors described above will be removed from the tournament at the discretion of tournament staff.

By signing below, you agree to abide by the above policies and guidelines while participating in all CFL NFL Flag Football events.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YY)