



TORRINGTON WARRIORS FOOTBALL & CHEER

2020 Coaches' Code of Conduct

1. *I will honor the fact that youth sports exists for the youth, not adults.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
 - ii. Exercise your authority/influence to control behavior of fans and spectators.
 - iii. Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
 - iv. Accept and/or adhere to all league and conference rules and policies related to participation of adults and youth. Play all players according to the participation rules established by the league.
 - v. Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
 - vi. Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
 - vii. Place emphasis on fun, participation and team.
2. *I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my children and other children involved.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Recognize the difference of each child and treat each player as an individual while demonstrating concern of their individual needs and well-being.
 - ii. Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team.
 - iii. Recognize that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all youth.
 - iv. Recognize that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and consider these factors when setting up competitions when interacting with youth.
3. *I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players involved.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Establish practice plans that are interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players' skills and individual abilities.
 - ii. Devote appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
 - iii. Conduct practices of reasonable intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.
4. *I will exercise good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players and officials at every game, practice or other league event.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Adopt the position, teach and demonstrate that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
 - ii. Abide by and support the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
 - iii. Provide an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
 - iv. Use the influential position of a youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect fair sportsmanship and fair play.
5. *I will make sure all children play in a safe, healthy environment.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Maintain a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions.



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- ii. Correct or avoid unsafe practice or playing conditions.
 - iii. Use appropriate safety equipment necessary to protect all players.
 - iv. See that the players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coaches' care.
- 6. *I will insist that my team exercise good sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, fans and other players.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Become knowledgeable, understand and support all applicable game rules, league rules, conference rules, regulations and policies.
 - ii. Teach and require compliance of these rules among players, so that with this understanding good sportsmanship can be maintained.
 - iii. Teach techniques that reduce risk of injury to both the coach's own players and their opponents.
 - iv. Discourage illegal contact or intentional dangerous play and administer swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.
- 7. *I will place the safety and physical development of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with league officials, players, game officials, parents and spectators. At no time is profanity acceptable.
 - ii. Include all players in team activities.
 - iii. Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
 - iv. Play all players according to the participation rules established by the league.
 - v. Encourage youth to participate in other sports and activities to promote all aspects of their development.
- 8. *I will support other coaches and league officials.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. I will back and support league officials and coaches when working with my players and parents. I will enforce league rules.
 - ii. If I have concerns or questions, I will direct them to a league official or coach at an appropriate time, not during a practice or game. I will not criticize another coach, a league official or a game official in front of players or parents.
 - iii. I will cooperate and offer assistance whenever I can.
- 9. I will remember that children play, referees call, fans cheer and coaches TEACH. Anytime someone steps out of his or her area of responsibility, a strain is created on every other area involved.



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By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand and comply to agree with the Coaches Code of Conduct. I fully understand if I do not uphold them, I will be held accountable for my behavior. Any violations will result in immediate action by the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Executive Board. I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Organization which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or my rights to participate as a coach for the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Organization.

Name (Print):_____

Date:_____

Signature:_____