

OLD HICKORY BULLDOGS



COACHES CODE of CONDUCT

IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE IN OUR PROGRAM, WE EXPECT ALL COACHES ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

PLAYING TIME: The coaches will make every attempt to give each player reasonable playing time. Coaches should consider a player's safety, experience level, previous playing experience, knowledge and current learning of a position(s) throughout the season. By Tennessee Youth Football Alliance (TYFA) rule, all C division and below, as well as CC players must participate in every game they attend. Failure to prescribe may result in a possible ethics violation.

ETHICS: Any profanity and/or use of alcohol or drugs, by a Head Coach or Assistant Coach on the practice or game fields will result in being relieved of their respective duties.. Head Coaches are expected to generate a positive and safe atmosphere among players, parents, and other coaches and especially referees. **PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR IS A MUST FOR ALL COACHES.** Head coaches are expected to ensure that all players are coached fairly and evenly, leaving no players out, as well as making sure all assistant coaches are involved. Violation(s) of Ethics guidelines could result in disciplinary actions (suspension from attending games and practices, ejection from the playing field area and/or park complex, monetary fines etc.)

TEAMWORK: It will be the responsibility of the Head Coach to disseminate information (game schedules, game reports for newspapers, team banquet details, fundraiser information etc.) to the parents. Regular parent meetings are encouraged. A helpful hint might be to gain agreement from parent volunteers for a Team Mom, a Newspaper Reporter, a Game-Videeing Person, a Stats Keeper, etc. Also, the Head Coach is responsible for the chain crew (3 adults) at their respective home games (parent volunteers are a great source). Lastly, each team is responsible for at least one \$350.00 team sponsor. This sponsor should have signage around your home field for the entire season.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT / UNIFORMS: The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that all player equipment/uniforms (helmet, shoulder pads, game pants, knee pads, thigh pads, hip pads, jumper, warm-up suits, etc.) is turned in to the Equipment Manager or VP-Operations or VP-Cheerleading prior to December 1st of that season. Parents will be assessed an equipment /uniform replacement cost (\$100.00 estimate) if this deadline is not met. Equipment/Uniforms must be returned to the designated location by the Head or Assistant Coach(s) with the Equipment Manager, the VP-Operations or the VP-Cheerleading present.

REFEREE GAME SCORECARD: A Head Coach is **required** to complete a TYFA Referee Game Score Card **after each game played** and faxed to the Head Referee or the designated person. Both positive and negative comments are encouraged. Coach's comments will determine which referees will officiate at playoff's, divisional and State Championship games.

CERTIFIED COACHES: All coaches that will be on the sidelines must be NYSCA certified and rostered with TYFA. Teams are limited to one (1) head coach and five (5) assistant coaches on the sideline during games. All coaches must read and understand the TYFA Rule Book prior to the pre-season Jamboree game.

FIELD PREPARATION: At some point during the season, each Head Coach will be called upon for their team's assistance with lining fields. With every team's support, this task can be minimized. Be prepared to help!

By signature below, the Head & Assistant Coaches understand and agree to follow the above Code of Conduct guidelines.

HEAD or ASSISTANT COACH _____

TEAM _____ **Date** _____