

# MOUNTAINEER CHEER AND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Coaches Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct for Coaches is intended to provide a high level of standards for which we hold our Coaching Staffs. It outlines the general principles of the most common situations encountered by coaches. Its primary goal is to ensure the welfare and protection of the children with whom our coaches work. Each coach is individually responsible to aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct.

**Principle 1/Competence:** Coaches recognize the boundaries of their competencies and the limitations of their expertise. They provide instruction using the knowledge they have obtained through personal experiences, personal observations, and/or professional training.

**Principle 2/Integrity:** Coaches are honest, fair, and respectful of others. They abide by the rules and regulations identified by the MCFA By-Laws and set forth by the WVSSAC where applicable.

**Principle 3/Dignity:** Coaches respect the fundamental rights, dignity, and worth of all participants. Coaches are aware of cultural, individual, and role differences, including those of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status.

**Principle 4/Concern for Others' Welfare:** Coaches seek to contribute to the welfare of those with whom they interact. When conflicts occur, coaches attempt to resolve these conflicts and perform their roles in a responsible, professional manner which avoids or minimizes harm.

**Principle 5/Responsible Coaching:** Coaches are aware of their responsibilities to the community and the society in which they work and live. They apply and share their knowledge of sports to contribute to the welfare of the children in the community in which they live. Coaches comply with the law.

### The MCFA recommends the following coaching ethics:

1. The coach will not criticize players in front of spectators.
2. The coach will not criticize the officials or judges, the opposing team, the coaches, fans or parents through language or gesture, nor social media.
3. The coach will strive to make every football or cheer activity serve as a training ground for life lessons, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
4. The coach will emphasize winning a game or competition is the result of teamwork.
5. The coach shall not use abusive or profane language in front of anyone connected with the game.
6. The coach will refrain from "running up" the score against an opponent.
7. The coach shall not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
8. The coach will always set an example in personal conduct.
9. The coach will not smoke or use any form of tobacco while on the field of play during games, scrimmages, or practices.
10. The coach will treat each player, opposing coach, parent and commissioner with respect and dignity.
11. The coach will protect the health and safety of his/her participants by insisting all of the activities under his/her control be conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults.

Franchise Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Level: \_\_\_\_\_

***As a Coach, I have read and understand the Ethics Code as outlined above. I will enforce and abide by this Ethics Code.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

