



TORRINGTON WARRIORS FOOTBALL & CHEER

2024 Coaches' Code of Conduct

1. *I will honor the fact that youth sports exist 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.
 - v. Play all players according to the participation rules established by the league, always keeping equity and fair play at the forefront.
 - vi. Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
 - vii. Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
 - viii. Place emphasis on respect, 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 differences of each child and treat each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
 - ii. Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as contributing members of the team.
 - iii. Recognize that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all participants and plan practices and drills accordingly.
 - iv. Recognize that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and consider these factors when setting up competitions between players on your team as well as when they play other teams.
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.(I think this is repetitive along with 2,a iii. Maybe combine or delete one of them?)
4. *I will exercise good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, officials and board members at every game, practice or any league event.*
 - a. **Expected behavior:**
 - i. Adopt the position, teach and demonstrate that our basic moral code is to treat others as we would like to be treated at all times. Reinforce the anti-bullying contract and follow all consequences immediately when applicable.
 - 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.



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- 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 in regard to players, drills, practice/game situations, field conditions and severe weather.
 - 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. Each head coach is also responsible for making sure every player from their team has been picked up before they can leave the field.
- 6. *I will insist that my team exercise good sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, board members, 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 reinforced and 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, board members, parents and spectators. **At no time is profanity acceptable.**
 - ii. Include all players in team activities on and off the field.
 - iii. Treat all players, league officials, game officials, board members, 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 throughout the offseason 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, coaches and board members when working with my players and parents. I will enforce league rules at all times as well as pursue the proper avenues in doing so.
 - ii. If I have concerns or questions, I will direct them to a league official, coach or board member at an appropriate time, not during a practice, a game. I will not criticize another coach, a league official, game official, or board member in front of any players or parents. If I have a problem regarding anything I will take it up with the proper board member in a private setting. I will also follow the logical chain of command when it



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comes to any issue. I will seek out a meeting with the football/cheer commissioner, the president of the league, the Torrington Warriors Executive board and have a meeting with one or more depending on the circumstances. This is in accordance with the national Pop Warner by laws and if violated coaches may be removed from our organization.

- iii. I will cooperate and offer assistance whenever I can. This includes refereeing games, helping with lining/maintaining the field, and other areas where volunteer time is needed outside of your practices/games.
 - iv. In the event that I and or my child may be moving to another organization, there will be NO attempt at promoting said organization nor recruiting players for the Torrington Warriors organization. Any coach found in violation of this will be removed from our league indefinitely.
9. I will remember that children play, referees ref, fans cheer and coaches coach. Anytime someone steps out of his or her area of responsibility, a strain is created on every other area involved. For this reason, as well as all others stated above, we will practice respect for every individual at all times.

Disciplinary Action

Any coach in violation of this code of conduct will result in immediate disciplinary action by the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Executive Board. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to a one or more game suspension and/or your removal as a coach for the Torrington Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Organization. Any form of violence or the threat of violence to other coaches, league officials, players, parents or spectators will result in an immediate permanent removal from the league.

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.

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____