



## HEAD FLAG / TACKLE COACHES “CODE OF ETHICS AND EXPECTATIONS”

**I (the undersigned) hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a Youth Football Coach by following the Coaches “Code of Ethics and Expectations”:**

1. **I will** place the emotional and physical well being of the children on my team/squad ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. **I will** treat each player as an individual, remembering that there is a wide range of emotional and physical development required within my team/squad.
3. **I will** do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all the children on my team/squad.
4. **I will** promise to review and practice basic first aid, and able to treat any injuries to the children within my team/squad.
5. **I will** do my best to organize practices that are both fun and challenging for all the members of my team/squad.
6. **I will** lead by example in demonstrating both “fair play” and “sportsmanship” to the children on my team/squad.
7. **I will** be responsible for all members of my adult staff, team youth participants and their family members at all CCCF sponsored events, and expect them to treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with respect.
8. **I will** be knowledgeable in the current rules of play that this League/Association will operate under, and I will teach these rules to both my staff of assistant coaches and to the children on my team/squad. I acknowledge that except where indicated in the CAYFL rulebook, the AIA rules apply to coaches and players.
9. **I will** use appropriate coaching techniques for the level of children placed on my team/squad.
10. **I will** remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not for the glory of any adults.
11. **I will** be available to talk to any parents, before/after practice, and before/after games,
12. **I will** provide an environment for my team/squad that is free of any type of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and refrain from using them at all practice locations or game fields. I am also aware of the “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy this Association has regarding the use of any drugs, tobacco, and alcohol in the presence of the children within this program.
13. **I will** fully support the Cave Creek/Carefree Association in all Association functions, ie: registration days, CCCF fundraising programs, adult and youth development.
14. **I will** work with the Team Business Manager in regards to all duties that the CCCF Association communicates to the Team Business Manager, ie: game schedules, Association fundraising, working the concession stand, end of season team party, plus any other Association events scheduled, ie: set up and tear down game field, Punt, Pass & Kick, Team Photo Day, Cheer Night/Academic Athletes program.
15. **I will** work with/communicate with the Team Head Cheer Coach, in regards to any information that the Cheer Squad will need to know, and to include the Team Cheer Squad in all team functions.
16. **I will** freely communicate with the parents of my team members.
17. **I will** mentor at least **ONE** of my assistant coaches so that assistant coach could become a “Head Coach” for CCCF in the future.
18. **I will** abide by the CAYFL Coaches Code of Conduct set forth in the CAYFL Rule Book. (a copy of which is on the back of this document).

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Division &amp; Team/Squad Name:</b>

## **CENTRAL ARIZONA YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER LEAGUE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

All coaches, football and spirit participants will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. Coaches shall:

1. Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
2. Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
3. Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
4. Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
5. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
6. Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. Emphasize that winning is the results of good "teamwork".
8. Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
9. Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
10. Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
11. Not "pile it on"; not encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.
12. Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in CAYFL. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
13. Not permit or encourage "sweating down" tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.
14. Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant's physician.
15. Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
16. Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
17. Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
18. Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
19. Control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you are responsible for your team, and fan reaction will usually be in step with your reaction.
20. Uphold all rules and regulations, regarding CAYFL Football, Spirit and Dance.
21. Will not compete under an assumed name.
22. Will not strike or use inappropriate physical contact any member, coach, player, parent, official, spectator or participant.
23. Will not proselyte (attempt to persuade a player for a certain team or association) by offering something better than the other Associations.
24. Will not be a recorded violator under a State or Federal Penal Code of any criminal conviction, felony or misdemeanor, involving moral turpitude, including physical assault, child molestation, domestic violence, or substance abuse.
25. Will not threaten officials verbally or physically. (Penalty suspension)