

## Grizzly Youth Football Code of Conduct

We, Grizzly Youth Football coach's believe that Grid Kid athletic competition should be fun but that it must also be a significant part of a sound Football program. We believe that those who coach GY-athletes are, first and foremost, teachers who have a duty to assure that our sports programs **promote important life skills and the development of good character**. We believe that the essential elements of character-building are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). We believe, further, that the highest potential of sports is achieved when -coaches consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M.) these values and are committed to the ideal of pursuing victory with honor. Finally, we believe that sincere and good-faith efforts to honor the words and spirit of this Code will improve the quality of our programs and the well being of our GY-athletes. This Code of Conduct applies to all Grizzly Youth coaches involved in Youth sports.

I understand that in my position as a coach, I must act in accord with the following code:

***Trustworthiness*** — be worthy of trust in all I do and teach GY-athletes the importance of integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty.

***Integrity*** — model high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; teach, advocate and model the importance of honor and good character by doing the right thing even when it's unpopular or personally costly.

***Honesty*** — don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in or permit dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.

***Reliability*** — fulfill commitments; I will do what I say I will do; be on time.

***Loyalty*** — be loyal to Grizzly Youth FB and team; put the team above personal glory.

***Respect*** — treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of GY-athletes

***Taunting*** — don't engage in or allow trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport

***Respect Officials*** — treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

***Respect Parents*** — treat the parents of Grizzly Youth-athletes with respect; be clear about your expectations, goals and policies and maintain open lines of communication.

***Profanity*** — don't engage in or permit profanity or obscene gestures during practices, sporting events, or any other situation where the behavior could reflect badly on Grizzly Youth FB

***Positive Coaching*** — use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable, increase self-esteem and foster a love and appreciation for the sport. Refrain from physical or psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, and conduct that is demeaning to student-athletes or others.

***Effort and Teamwork*** — encourage Grizzly Youth-athletes to pursue victory with honor, to think and play as a team, to do their best and continually improve through personal effort and discipline. Discourage selfishness and put less emphasis on the final outcome of the contest, than upon effort, improvement, teamwork, and winning with character.

***Knowledge of Rules*** — maintain a thorough knowledge of current game and competition rules and assure that our GY-athletes know and understand the rules.

***Safety and Health*** — be informed about basic first aid principals and the physical capacities and limitations of the age-group coached

***Self-Control*** —control my ego and emotions; avoid displays of anger and frustration; don't retaliate

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I will act in accord with this code. I understand that Grid Kid officials as well as league officials will and should expect that I will follow this code.

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-Coach

Signature

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Date