



# MIDDLEVILLE

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### COACHES

The Middleville Youth Football Organization (MYF) believes that youth football should serve in an educational capacity whereby athletes are taught fundamentals, the essence of teamwork, and begin to forge lasting relationships with their peers.

#### **With regard to my players:**

1. I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and athletic growth of the player through participation in football.
2. I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
3. I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
4. I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
5. I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules set forth by Middleville Youth Football.
6. I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules, as well.
7. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of football and I will teach these rules to my players.
8. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
9. I will coach using terminology, drills, and techniques consistent with the varsity football program.
10. I will coach using the playbook provided by the varsity football coach. I understand that my job is to prepare athletes for participation in the Thornapple Kellogg Football program and not to display my ability to design plays.

#### **With regard to opposing teams:**

1. I believe that the way my team conducts itself has an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.
2. I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
3. I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
4. Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will speak in a negative manner toward any member or spectator from the opposing team.
6. I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

#### **With regard to Referees:**

1. I believe that referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
2. I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
3. I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
4. I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.

5. Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

**Other items:**

1. We expect you to create a FUN environment for the kids
2. We expect the kids to work hard and get better every day – if they are having fun & working hard, we have accomplished our goal.
3. We expect coaches to remain positive; it's not all about winning.
4. We expect constant communication with your parents – emails, website, phone calls, etc.
5. Be supportive. Creating unnecessary drama, stirring controversy or gossip are grounds for sanctions by MYF Board, including dismissal from the program.
6. Refrain from abusive and profane language.
7. I will attend coaching clinics held by the varsity football staff
8. Coaches will remain in control of their emotions.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referees, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Any coach showing this type of behavior shall be subject to disciplinary action as dictated by and at the discretion of the MYF Board.

I further understand that my failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by MYF which may include but is not limited to game suspension and/or my rights to participate as a coach for Middleville Youth Football Association.

Name of Coach \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Please email this commitment to [middlevilleyouthfootball@gmail.com](mailto:middlevilleyouthfootball@gmail.com) . By signing this document electronically you affirm and agree with the above coaches code of conduct.***