



Coaches & Volunteers

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches and administrators play a critical role in the academic, athletic, and social development of their athletes. They must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. Coaches must also recognize that they serve as role models and are conduits through which the values and goals of NEGYFC are channeled not only to their athletes, but to the community as well; consequently, how a player views his/her program and how others view the program(s) and the NEGYFC, is influenced by the behavior of the coach(es), parent volunteer(s), and administrator(s).

Purpose: The following Code of Conduct has been developed to aid coaches, administrators, and all volunteers in achieving an exemplary model and/or standard level of behavior, which in turn, will aid in the development of morally conscious athletes who are well-rounded, self-confident, and productive human beings and citizens of Northeast Georgia. Additionally, as a standard of moral practice, athletes, in turn, via the guidance of their coaches and administrators will then begin to reflect the values and goals of the Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference.

Scope: This policy serves all coaches, administrators, and (parent) volunteers.

Procedure: To maintain a Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference Coach's badge, or otherwise risk forfeiture, I agree to the Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference Coaches' Code of Conduct which identifies the behaviors that I will exhibit:



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Guiding Principles

Principle A: SAFETY

- Act at all times to protect the principles of fun, safety, and development of all athletes by demonstrating appropriate behaviors and beliefs that support growth
- Never advocate or condone the use or administration of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances; alert the proper authorities if you are aware of such practices taking place at your facilities or with your players or volunteers
- Agree to uphold all safety principles found within the NEGYFC, ACCLS, CCSD, GHSA volunteer form information to ensure the safety of all involved parties. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the level of the athlete(s) by operating in accordance with facility guidance

Principle B: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Conduct myself in a dignified manner through the self-regulation of my emotions, language, attitudes, and actions both in and outside the sports environment
- Always act and carry oneself, both on and off the field, in such a way that will promote and exhibit the principles and purpose of NEGYFC and do nothing to compromise the integrity and dignity of this institution.

Principle C: SOCIAL MEDIA

- All NEGYFC Members shall abide by the following guidelines when using social media:
- Be positive and respectful, and always take the high road when disagreeing with others.
- Do not post content that will harm or damage NEGYFC reputation. Remember that even while you are on your own personal time, you are a representative of NEGYFC, and people may interpret your online posting or social interactions as though they are official NEGYFC statements.



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Princelp D: MANDATED REPORTER

- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the appropriate authority.
- Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is the victim of childhood sexual abuse or the victim of a known or suspected juvenile sexual offender shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the appropriate authority.

Any violation of this policy shall be reviewed by the NEGYFC Board, who will then determine if disciplinary action is warranted. The failure of any NEGYFC Member to adhere to this Social Media Policy shall be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct and will be subject to any or all of the following disciplinary actions up to and including termination of the individual’s involvement in NEGYFC.

I have thoroughly read and agreed to the Coaches and Volunteers’ Code of Conduct. I understand its provisions and the expected behaviors that I must exude in order to maintain my status within the Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference. I understand that if I fail to uphold any part or portion of the Code of Conduct that ensuing action may be taken against me in accordance with NEGYFC rules and regulations.

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COACH NAME	COACH SIGNATURE	DATE
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PRESIDENT		DATE
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COMMISSIONER		DATE