

## WARREN COUNTY MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for children;
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league;
3. I will be a positive role model for my players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event;
4. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with ANY official, coach, player or parent, including, but not limited to: booing; taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures;
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of my players;
6. I will encourage my players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence or hostility;
7. I will encourage my players to treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, color, sex or ability;
8. I will encourage my players that doing one's best is more important to winning, so that my players will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or their performance;
9. I will praise my players for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my players feel like they are winners every time;
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my players or other participants at a sporting event for making a mistake or losing a competition;
11. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire I may have for winning;
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games;
13. I will support a sport environment for all players that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
14. Participation in the WCMFL for the 2009 season requires that all organizations agree to abide by the WCMFL By-Laws and decisions of the WCMFL Board, the Referees and Officials, and enforce such decisions within the organization. Participation in the WCMFL is voluntary, and upon application for a franchise in the WCMFL for 2009, all organizations agree to relinquish legal recourse and hold harmless the WCMFL Board Members, Member Organizations, Referees and Officials for interpretation and enforcement of the WCMFL By-Laws, as well as the decisions of the Board, Member Organizations, Referees, and Officials. Further, Member Organizations and those affiliated with Member Organizations agree that they will not in any way hold the WCMFL Board, Referees, Officials, or Coaches liable for any injuries or losses suffered while competing in or traveling to or from any WCMFL sanctioned event or function. Member organizations agree that initiation or threat of legal action against the WCMFL, the WCMFL Board, Member Organizations, Referees or Officials by or on behalf of a member organization, team, coach, parent or player, will result in immediate suspension of that organization from the WCMFL. The suspended organization will be prohibited from participating in any WCMFL sanctioned activities including games, practices, scrimmages, meetings and the All Star Game. Suspended organizations will be deemed to have forfeited any games missed due to this suspension and will be responsible for the entire amount of the referee's fees for forfeited games.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary actions that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, League Representative and/or Executive Committee;
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the Recreation Committee;
- Game forfeit through the official;
- Season suspension

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Signature of Coach/Assistant Coach

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Date