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Coach Code of Conduct:

As a coach in the Fauquier Youth Football (FYF) program, I acknowledge that I serve not only as an instructor, but also as a mentor and role model for youth athletes. I am committed to upholding the mission, values, and standards of FYF by fostering a safe, respectful, inclusive, and development-focused environment.

I agree to abide by the following standards:

1. Positive Leadership

- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, integrity, and respect in all interactions.
- I will serve as a positive example for players, parents, officials, and fellow coaches both on and off the field.

2. Sportsmanship

- I will promote respect for opponents, officials, and the game—win or lose.
- I will ensure players and coaches shake hands with opponents and officials before and after each game when appropriate.
- I will discourage taunting, cheating, and unsportsmanlike behavior in all forms.

3. Player Safety

- I will prioritize the health and safety of all players through proper technique, safe practice habits, and adherence to all FYF and league safety protocols.
- I will fully comply with concussion protocols, injury reporting procedures, and emergency preparedness requirements.

4. Fairness and Opportunity

- I will treat all players equitably, regardless of skill level, race, gender, background, or identity.
- I will promote team involvement and provide meaningful opportunities for player development and participation.

5. Professional Conduct and Communication

- I will communicate respectfully with players, families, officials, and other coaches.
- I will refrain from using profanity, negative gestures, or aggressive behavior.
- I will address concerns constructively and through appropriate FYF channels.

6. Focus on Development

- I will emphasize long-term player growth, teamwork, and skill development over winning.
- I will use age-appropriate coaching strategies and avoid placing unnecessary pressure on athletes.

7. Inclusivity

- I will promote an inclusive and welcoming team culture that reflects the diversity of our community.

8. Professional Appearance and Behavior

- I will wear team-appropriate attire during practices and games.
- I will adhere to all league rules, sideline policies, and organizational procedures.

9. Parental Engagement

- I will maintain open, respectful communication with parents and guardians.
- I will keep families informed of schedules, expectations, and general player development.

10. Personal Responsibility

- I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior, in person or online, including on social media.

- I will maintain confidentiality regarding personal or sensitive information shared within the team or organization.
- I will seek continued improvement through training, education, and feedback.

11. Support for League Events

- I will make every reasonable effort to attend and assist with FYF league events, including camps, clinics, fundraisers, and community activities.
 - I understand that my presence supports team spirit, league visibility, and the overall experience for players and families.
 - I will communicate with FYF leadership in advance if I am unable to attend a scheduled league event.
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Ejection Policy

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Referees may penalize any use of foul language, racial or derogatory language, taunting, targeting, or illegal hits.
- Two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in a single game will result in automatic ejection.
- Use of racial slurs or engagement in physical altercations may result in immediate ejection without prior warning.

Fighting

- Any act of fighting, including throwing punches, kicks, or engaging in physical aggression—before, during, or after a game will result in automatic ejection.

Consequences for Ejection (Players, Coaches, or Spectators)

- Any individual ejected from a game or facility is automatically suspended for the following game and may not attend, coach, or participate in any capacity.
- No appeals will be accepted. Referee decisions regarding ejections are final and will be fully supported by FYF leadership.

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