



# West Allegheny Youth Football & Cheer

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## WAYFC Coaches' Code of Conduct

The West Allegheny Youth Football and Cheer organization prides itself on providing a high quality, competitive youth football program that promotes safety, fairness and good sportsmanship at all times. To succeed in this mission all representatives of WAYFC, including its coaches, will provide a safe environment focusing on the development of good character and life skills, with a "winning isn't everything" attitude.

As such by signing below each coach agrees that he/she will:

### Values

- Require that I and my assistant coaches will create an environment that promotes safety, fairness, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- Never sacrifice safety of any player/cheerleader at any time.
- Treat all players/cheerleaders, fellow coaches, opponents, parents and officials with respect at all times.
- Understand that each age group is ONE team, regardless of JV/Varsity game play, and will conduct all efforts as such. (FB)
- Encourage children with positive reinforcement.
- Not use, or tolerate others using, aggressive, destructive language or profanity towards or in the presence of any child, including my own, at practice or game day facilities.
- Be a positive role model by demonstrating good sportsmanship, honesty and integrity at all times. Encourage players/cheerleaders to do the same.
- Not arrive and refrain from use of alcohol or tobacco during practices and games.

### Coach's responsibilities

- Introduce myself to parents within 2 weeks of receiving my initial team roster.
- Communicate regularly with parents, players/cheerleaders and assistant coaches in person and through email. (HC)
- Understand that the "team mom" assists in the communication and coordination efforts.
- Allow parents to openly communicate any concerns to me. If unable to satisfy appropriately I will encourage them to direct their concerns to the Director(s) of football/Director(s) of Cheer.
- Ensure that uniforms and equipment are fitted and used properly.
- Notify the Director(s) of football/Director(s) of Cheer of any damaged equipment or field hazards so it may be addressed immediately.
- Know and understand the rules, regulations and bylaws of the league WAYFC participates in and understand the consequences of violating those rules including fines, ejection, suspension or banning of myself, other coaches, players or parents.
- Complete necessary education programs provided by WAYFC including concussion awareness, safety clinics & equipment fitting.
- Will commit a minimum of 2 hours per season to assist in game day activities other than coaching as well as make every attempt to attend fundraisers, and other events sponsored by WAYFC.
- Agree to attend all mandatory coaches meetings called periodically by the Director(s) of Football/Director(s) of Cheer.
- Be present during team events (ex. Registration, equipment handout/turn-in, cheer camp, etc).
- Arrange for 4 coaches to line my teams practice area at the beginning of the season and maintain field lines throughout the season. (FB)
- Be responsible for maintaining the condition of my teams practice area throughout the season by ensuring all trash and other items are cleaned up after every practice.
- Commit to being at practice and games during the scheduled times communicated by the Head Coach. If you cannot be at practice or games regularly, you are not assisting your Head Coach.
- Legitimate complaints, current or previous, to the Board from fellow Assistant coaches, Head coaches, or Parents, regarding another coaches negative behavior or actions, are not tolerated and will result in not being asked to coach.

### Structure / Practices / Game Day

- Approach JV & Varsity games with the same level of preparation and focus. (FB)
- Ensure that we act, practice and play as one team at all times
- Run the same offensive / defensive game plan for JV/Varsity games. (FB)
- Maintain control of practices and games by supervising participants closely.
- Focus an equal amount of time on all players/cheerleaders during practice and game play.
- Give all players an equal chance to compete for starting positions. (FB)
- Make every effort to arrive at practice with a formulated practice plan no later than 15 minutes prior to the start time.
- Structure practices to be encouraging, fun and focused on conditioning and skill advancement at all times.
- Ensure all players leave safely with their parent/guardian.
- Be aware of medical conditions and special needs of a player. Consult a parent privately.
- Understand, and will abide by, the age and weight restrictions of my team's age group. (FB)
- Will read through and abide by the leagues rules for my team's age group.
- Field a JV and Varsity squad for each WAYFC game day. (FB)
- Be on the sideline coaching through the duration of both JV & Varsity games. (FB)
- Require that every player receive a reasonable amount of playing time on game day between the JV and/or Varsity games. (FB)
- Respect a referee's decision during game play. I will notify the Director(s) of football of any disputes after the game has concluded. (FB)
- Understand that a medical professional's decision is final on a player's condition and ability to return to game play.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_