Coaches Code of Conduct & Acceptance Agreement

Great Plains Youth Football has established specific code of conduct rules for coaches to abide by. These rules should be respected and followed at all time. The rules are:

- No swearing or foul language is permitted towards coaches, officials, parents or around players.
- No alcohol or drug use will be tolerated. Any violations will result in expulsion from the league. Tobacco use is prohibited in front of or in the presence of players.
- Allow the officials to do their jobs. There will be no yelling at the officials. No one call can cost a team to lose. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a 15 yard penalty for a first offense. A second offense will result in your removal from the game and the following game. A third offense will result in your possible expulsion from the league.

As a coach in the Great Plains Youth Football League you are also responsible for the behavior of your parents and players. We recommend that you share the following guidelines with both parents and players:

Players
- Always use appropriate language.
- Respect the officials' judgments and interpretation of the rules.
- Exercise self-control

Parents & Spectators
- Respect decisions made by officials
- Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach and the effort of the players
- Avoid critiquing and criticizing coaches, players and officials

In Great Plains Youth Football, unacceptable and/or unethical or unsportsmanlike behavior is not permitted. This is youth football and the focus and goals of each coach should revolve around making this an enjoyable, positive learning experience. GPYF and its Board of Directors reserve the right to address any and all issues as made aware. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to discipline, suspend, or remove any coach who fails to meet the leagues Responsible Coaching directives listed above and in the Great Plains Youth Football League Rule Book.

By signing, I agree to abide by the above stated code of conduct as a coach in the Great Plains Youth Football League. I agree to share these rules and code of conduct with my parents and players. As a coach in the Great Plains Youth Football League, I also agree to uphold the rules and expectations of the league as stated in the 2019 Great Plains Youth Football Rule Book.

I agree that I am a role-model for my players and parents and will work to set a good example of leadership and sportsmanship at all times.

- I have successfully completed a background check in accordance with Great Plains Youth Football established criteria.
- I have successfully completed Coaching Certification through USA Football.
- I have successfully completed a league approved Concussion Education Training Course.
- I have successfully read and understand the Great Plains Football League Rule Book and agree to abide by all rules and decisions without exception.

I agree that I will withhold any player from participation if a concussion of any level or degree is suspected and agree to not allow the player to return to any practice or game without a written medical release from a licensed physician and the legal parent or guardian of the player. I also agree to report all suspected concussions to the Great Plains Youth Football League by email at admin@greatplainsfootball.com and submit a copy of all medical release forms, both medical releases and parent releases, to the league office prior to the player returning to practice or games.

Program Representing:_____ **Team Name:** _____

Team Level: **Grade Specific:** 5th ☐ 6th ☐ **Combination Grade:** 3rd/4th ☐ 5th/6th ☐ 7th/8th ☐

Program Director: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Head Coach: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Assistant #1: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Assistant #2: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Assistant #3: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Assistant #4: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)

Assistant #5: _____ (Print Name) _____ (Signed Name)