



## Waterloo Region Minor Football Coaching Code of Conduct

With the understanding that youth sports is for the education, fun and enjoyment of the athletes, and that I, along with other coaches, am responsible for the safety and well-being of the players on the team, I hereby agree to the following:

- I am a volunteer for Waterloo Region Minor Football as a whole. I understand that this is not “MY” team and that decisions by the appointed Board of Directors will be sanctioned without challenge.
- I will abide by and follow the policy with regards to field usage, team dedicated fields only and cancelled bookings.
- I will place the physical and mental well-being of the players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, keeping in mind the large range of emotional and physical developments for youth in the same age group.
- I will ensure and enforce a positive and safe playing environment.
- I will NOT use foul, derogatory or abusive language when coach or attending any other club’s games or events.
- I will provide a sports environment for the program that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol including games and practices.
- I will be knowledgeable in, abide by the rules of youth football, and teach those rules in the league in which we play.
- I will use coaching techniques appropriate for all skills levels.
- I will always remember that I am a youth sports coach and that this for the players and not the fans or adults.
- I will show respect for and abide by the decisions, calls and judgements of the officials at any game, including as a spectator.
- I will respect and abide by the instructions from and the decisions of the team’s Therapists with respect to
  - Concussion protocols, including removal from play, referral to other professionals (i.e. Sports Medicine Physicians), and all requirements of the return to play stages including documentation from other professionals and rest periods.
  - Injury decisions including removal from play reduced or modified participation, whether or not supportive taping is indicated, and referral to other professionals (i.e. physicians).
  - Safety instructions including implementation of thunder/lightning protocol, hydration and equipment recommendations and any other safety related situations.
- I will not criticize a fellow coach, board member, child or family member in front of players or other coaches and I will only discuss any disagreements, conflicts or opinions with the person or persons with which I have the disagreement, at an appropriate time and place.
- I understand that failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct could result in my removal from the team as per the WRMF Conduct and Ethics Policy and/or the Discipline and Complaints Policy.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager (Initial): \_\_\_\_\_