

2026 Dallastown Cougar Football and YCJFA Coaches Code of Conduct

Dallastown Cougar Football is committed to the principles of Positive Coaching, player development, and character growth. Coaching youth athletics is a privilege and a responsibility. Our mission is to use football as a platform to teach life lessons, build confidence, and develop young athletes both on and off the field.

To ensure the appropriate atmosphere for all Cougar activities, Dallastown Cougar Football adopts and enforces this Coaches Code of Conduct.

As a coach, I agree with the following:

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player with respect and as an individual, understanding varying skill levels and backgrounds.
- I will provide a safe playing environment and prioritize player safety at all times.
- I will demonstrate sportsmanship, integrity, and professionalism on and off the field.
- I will refrain from using profanity, intimidation, or demeaning language toward players, officials, parents, or fellow coaches.
- I will respect the decisions of referees and league officials and model appropriate behavior when disagreeing with a call.
- I will maintain control of my team and address unsportsmanlike behavior immediately and appropriately.
- I will remember that youth sports are for children — not adults — and I will coach accordingly.
- I will adhere to all Dallastown Cougar Football, DCA, and league bylaws and policies.
- I will maintain all required clearances and certifications as required by the organization.
- I will serve as a positive role model and ambassador of the Cougar program within the community.
- I will wear my designated Cougar coach's shirt during all games while on the sidelines to ensure proper identification and accountability.

Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct may include but are not limited to:

- Verbal abuse, threats, or inappropriate physical contact

- Unsportsmanlike conduct or inciting hostility
- Failure to control players or sideline behavior
- Disrespect toward officials, board members, or league representatives
- Behavior that brings negative attention or liability to the organization

Disciplinary Action

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Verbal or written warning
- Suspension from practices and/or games
- Removal from coaching duties
- Ban from participation in Dallastown Cougar Football activities
- Referral to league officials

Disciplinary action will be determined by the Dallastown Cougar Football Board and/or Athletic Director based on the severity and pattern of behavior.

Acknowledgment

I understand that coaching within Dallastown Cougar Football is a privilege. I agree to uphold the values, standards, and expectations outlined above.