

Football Coach Expectations & Selection Guidelines



As a coach for the Buda Jr Jaguars, you are a representative of the league and a mentor to young athletes. This Code of Conduct ensures that the focus remains on sportsmanship, safety, and development.

I. Sportsmanship & Professionalism

- **Lead by Example:** I will maintain a professional and positive attitude. I will refrain from using profanity, making derogatory remarks, or engaging in aggressive behavior toward players, parents, officials, or opponents.
- **Respect the Officials:** I will accept the decisions of game officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability. I will not argue, shout, or incite parents to criticize officials.
- **Win with Grace, Lose with Dignity:** I will encourage my players to shake hands after every game and focus on the effort and lessons learned rather than just the final score.

II. Player Safety & Welfare

- **Safety First:** I will prioritize the health and safety of my players over the desire to win. I will never play an injured athlete and will strictly adhere to all concussion and "Heads Up" football protocols.
- **Healthy Environment:** I will ensure my coaching methods are constructive. I will refrain from physical or verbal intimidation and will never use exercise as a form of punishment.
- **Protection:** I will comply with the Safe Sport Act and league guidelines regarding the protection of young victims from abuse. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment during all team events.
- **The Jr. Jags' org has zero-tolerance policy on alcohol or substance use during games or practices.**
If it is proven that a coach is under the influence while conducting a practice or coaching a game, that coach will be removed from the location immediately and removed from staff.

III. League Integrity & Responsibility

- **Rule Adherence:** I have read and will follow the league bylaws and division-specific rules. I will not attempt to circumvent roster rules or player eligibility requirements.
- **Fair Play:** I will ensure that all players receive the minimum playing time required by the league and will focus on developing the skills of every athlete on the roster, regardless of their ability.
- **Resource Management:** I will treat all league-provided equipment and practice facilities with respect. I will return all equipment in a clean and timely manner at the end of the season.

IV. Communication & Commitment

- Parent Relations: I will maintain open and honest communication with parents regarding schedules, expectations, and their child's progress.

Event commitments: Commit to team events to the prescribed frequency, 2-3 week night practices and weekend games, and special events (ex: fundraiser)

- Attendance: I will be present and prepared for all practices and games. If I cannot attend, I will ensure a background-checked assistant is prepared to lead in my absence.

Agreement

I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, which may include a formal warning, suspension, or permanent removal from all coaching positions within the league.

Coach Name (Printed): _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____