



NFL FLAG COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Neighborhood Sports goal is to provide a fun, recreational youth league within a safe environment. NFL Flag football embodies the discipline of teamwork and challenges players to learn the skills, tactics and strategies of the game and improve as a player. The league allows for spirited competition within the rules of the game. With this in mind, Neighborhood Sports will require all coaches, to adhere to the following:

Coaching

- a. Each team will be allowed to have one coach on the field on offense during the game...that can be the head coach or an assistant coach. The coach must stay out of the play (behind at least 5 yards the deepest player) and should not run along with the play.
- b. Each team can have 2 assistant coaches to help the head coach.
- c. Only the head coach for each team can speak to the officials. In order for the head coach to speak with the officials, he must use his time out and speak with the official(s) on the sideline away from play.
- d. The Head Coach can ask the official for a rules clarification. The referee will take an official time-out to review the rules with head coaches and determine if that timeout will be charged. The coach can only ask for a rules clarification one time during the game.
- e. Parents and spectators and other coaches will not be allowed to be involved in any conversations with the referee's.
- f. Profanity will not be tolerated at any time. A coach, player or any sideline personal that violates this rule can be immediately be removed from the game.
- g. **Coaches are not to disrupt the flow of the game by arguing spots and officials calls. This will be an un-sportsmanship penalty and 15 yards will be assessed.**
- h. Judgment calls by the officials will not be questioned or argued.
- i. **No arguing, begging calls or questioning the judgment of the officials will be tolerated.**
- j. The coach (unless head coach) on the field should not talk to the official unless to ask about the 5 yard no run zone.
- k. The on field coach is to assist the players only. **In the event the official determines that the on field coach is disrupting the game or the officials, that team will forfeit the right to a coach on the field for the rest of the game and the coaches may be asked to coach from the sidelines.**
- l. Coaches thrown out of games will receive a minimum of one game suspension. Second occurrence will result in a suspension for the remainder of the year.
- m. **If the coach is making calls, comments and arguing with the officials either from the sideline or on the field that team may be assessed an unsportsmanlike penalty and or the coach removed from the game and field area.** (Coaches, please note this game is for the kids to have fun, arguing with the officials, questioning calls, and making comments about calls only results in parents doing the same. This is a bad situation for all especially the kids and something we strongly discourage.)
- n. The head coach is responsible for his assistant coaches. Any head or assistant coaches receiving two unsportsmanlike penalties will be asked to leave the field.
- o. The head coach is responsible for his spectators and sideline.
- p. Spectators/Parents are not to disrupt the flow of the game by arguing spots and officials calls. The spectator/parent will be given one warning from the official. If the spectator/parent continues to disrupt the game, he will be asked to leave the field, or the team will forfeit the game.

Sportsmanship and Roughing

- a. **If in the referee's judgment he witnesses any act of flagrant contact, tackling, cheap shots, blocking, elbowing or any other dangerous or unsportsmanlike act.** Which could include spiking the ball, trash talking or in the sole judgment of the official use of language that may be offensive to him or other in attendance. He will mark off a 15 yard penalty and may stop the game and eject the player committing such acts from the remainder of the game. This applies to coaches as well.
- b. **Players are not allowed to talk to the referee's unless spoken too by the referee.** Players are not allowed to question referee's call or ask for a rule's clarification. The referee will call an un-sportsmanship penalty and access 15 yards from the previous line of scrimmage.