



# 2025 VANCLEAVE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE COACH CODE OF CONDUCT



**All coaches and assistant coaches are to read and agree to abide to this Code of Conduct.**

Coaches or assistant coaches will not be allowed to participate without signing this form. Anyone deemed in violation of this Code of Conduct may be subject to **suspension or expulsion** from the Vancleave Youth Football League. In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, the Vancleave Youth Football League board of directors has pledged to enforce a Code of Conduct and that will ensure the physical, mental and emotional well-being of all of its participants and coaches. Our goal is to ensure that all of our participants and coaches will thrive in an environment where respect and camaraderie abound. **This Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced.** Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League recognizes the physical and competitive nature of the sport and as such we recognize the need for control of all participants as well as coaches. Therefore, all coaches are responsible to read and sign the Code of Conduct and ensure that they adhere to it. Any coach who is deemed in violation of this code will be referred to the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League board of directors for a resolution.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE:**

The following rules are set forth by the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League and will be strictly enforced.

- ❖ Set an example of good sportsmanship as well as have a positive attitude and show enthusiasm for all participants.
- ❖ Strive to make every practice serve as a training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health.
- ❖ Emphasize that winning is a result of “teamwork”.
- ❖ Emphasize that athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally challenging.
- ❖ Remember that each participant has responsibilities to his/her family, education and religion that come for his/her team.
- ❖ Remove from a game, practice or competition in a participant when even slightly in doubt about their health.
- ❖ Do not criticize participants in front of spectators. Reserve constructive criticism for private or in the presence of team participants if others might benefit.
- ❖ Do not criticize an opposing team, its participants, coaches or fans by word-of-mouth or gestures.
- ❖ Do not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ❖ Together with game officials be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of the team, fans and spectators.
- ❖ Accept decisions of the game or conference officials on the field and at competitions as being fair and called to the best of said officials.
- ❖ Do not permit ineligible participant to participate in a game or competition.
- ❖ Refrain from using abusive or profane language.
- ❖ Refrain from striking any other coach, athletic director, official, spectator or participant in the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League.

- ❖ Do not receive any payment in cash of any kind for any services provided as a coach.
- ❖ Abstain from drinking alcohol on game and practice fields. Abstain from drinking at any coaching function while players are present
- ❖ Coaches are to set a good example for the participants. They will display a high standard of behavior both on and off the field.
- ❖ Coaches will respect the rights, dignity and worth of each other and every person involved in our organization.
- ❖ No favoritism will be tolerated. Every participant is to be treated equally and fairly.
- ❖ The personal feelings of coaches should never interfere with the coaching of any participant.
- ❖ Fair and consistent coaching should be expected at all times from each coach.
- ❖ Differences between coaches are to be settled after practice/games and away from participants and parents.
- ❖ Arguing with other coaches in front of players/parents will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Disrespect and verbal abuse will not be tolerated, including trash talking, arguing, use a foul language, ethnic slurs or references, towards any player, official, other coach, team representative, and any opposing city or spectator.
- ❖ Parent/participant issues that cannot be resolved in a reasonable manner should be referred to the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League Board of Directors. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Football League will only be contacted if an issue cannot be resolved by the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League Board of Directors.
- ❖ Coaches should be approachable by parents. Your parents need to be able to feel they can talk with you. This should be done either before or after practice or a game, not during practice a game or in front of the players.

By my signature below, I hereby confirm that I have read, understand and do hereby agree to abide to the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League 2025 Coaches Code of Conduct.

I am also aware that my failure to abide by the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League 2025 Coaches Code of Conduct may be grounds for my dismissal from my coaching position and participation in the Vancleave Youth Football & Cheer League and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth Football League.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Most of all, thank you for volunteering your personal time and giving back to our community!**

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Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Team: \_\_\_\_\_