



GRAYHAWKS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Coaches Code of Conduct

Grayhawks Football & Cheerleading believes that our coaches should adhere to the highest ethical standards of fair play and sportsmanship. Grayhawks Football has developed this "Coaches Code of Conduct" to promote positive coaching that encourages players to win while also learning important life lessons and developing positive character traits.

As a Coach or Assistant Coach:

- I will promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship and the idea that recreation is fun and safe. I will put the best interests of the entire program ahead of individual desires.
- I will treat all participants with respect and avoid negative criticism. During games, I will give positive encouragement and directions to players.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I have completed all courses, training, and requirements as set forth by the program and the league.
- I will report all injuries to the parents and serious injuries to the board.
- I will adhere to and follow age-appropriate playing time expectations within league, program, and team guidelines to the best of my ability.
- I will always play by the rules and respect the game officials and their authority.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team, allow them to give me feedback, solicit their active support, and inform them of all team rules, practices, and games.
- I will refrain from using profanity and never use abusive language or threatening behavior toward any player, parent, coach, opponent, or official.
- I will not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs during any recreation program.
- I will never knowingly permit an injured player to return to the game without proper medical attention.
- If a parent approaches me after a game about any concerns (other than injury or health-related), I will remind them of the program policy for waiting at least 12 hours after the end of a game. This policy exists to let "cooler heads prevail" and allow emotions to play a decreased role in any conversation or disagreement after a game or contest.
- I will not discuss any parent concerns about their child in front of the players. I will only discuss in front of the parent's child/player if it is mutually agreed by myself and the parent that the child/player should be present for such discussions.
- By signing this form, I hereby swear and affirm that I have not been convicted, nor are charges pending, of any crimes that would make me ineligible to volunteer with children, and I agree to abide by these guidelines.
- I fully understand that inappropriate behavior or offenses can result in discipline, up to and including suspension, from future practices, games, and Grayhawks-sponsored activities.

Coach's Name

Coach's Signature

Date Signed