

**SOUTHERN OHIO YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
COACHES CODE OF ETHICS AGREEMENT – 2009**

1. ALL COACHES: Will use sound coaching principles and objectives at all times; including practice and games, acting in the interest of the participants.
2. Will be reasonable in demands on players/cheerleaders time, energy, and enthusiasm. Will consider the maturity level of the players/cheerleaders in scheduling practice times and games, remembering that children have other interests.
3. Will teach players/cheerleaders that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break. Will promote team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
4. Will minimize the possibility of serious injury by ensuring proper equipment and training. Will follow the advice of qualified physician(s) when determining when an injured player/cheerleader is ready to play again.
5. Will give every player/cheerleader an opportunity to develop his skills.
6. Will stress playing for the fun of skill development and enjoyment of competition, and that winning is only part of the experience.
7. Will be generous with praise when it is deserved and set a good example that children will respect.
8. Will make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principles and the benefits of team sports participation in the growth and development of children.
9. Will be responsible for the correct birth date and permanent address being shown on the players/cheerleaders agreement.
10. Will be responsible for the conduct of the team's fans. A coach will not be permitted to do the following at or on any football field or cheerleading exhibition while a youth football game or practice or cheerleading event is in progress: consume alcoholic beverages, use tobacco, use profane language or improper conduct which includes verbal or physical assault and/or harassment of parents, fans, referees or opposing football/cheerleading staff.
11. There will be no verbal contact between coaches and players of opposing teams during the course of a game. Infraction will result in a major penalty. This rules does not apply in an injury situation.
12. Understand that as coaches they will abide by the Ohio High School Football rules with the exception of the additional rules as set forth in the Contract.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER CODE OF ETHICS AGREEMENT SET FORTH BY THE SOYFAI CHEERLEADING REPRESENTATIVE OR RULES OUTLINED IN THE OFFICIAL RULES OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

I, _____, have received and read the above agreement and agree to abide by
(Signature)
it to the best of my ability.

Name: _____ **Age Group:** _____
(Print Name)

Organization: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **Cell Phone #:** _____

Address: _____
Number Street City/State Zip Code