

## **GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR COACHES**

The following goals and expectations for coaches have been adopted by the Windham Youth Football Board of Directors

### **GOALS:**

A quality experience for all athletes  
Development of skills to progress as a player  
Sportsmanship on and off the field  
Development of positive values such as commitment, hard work and respect  
Foster a love of the game and of the team building experience

Each of these goals has equal weight in all WYF programs. Winning is an outcome of the accomplishment of these goals. The desire to win is fostered; however, winning is secondary to the goals listed above.

We want our athletes to be better people when they leave our programs than when they entered. All athletes must be held to a set of high expectations for their conduct.

WYF program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student-athlete should be treated as though he or she were the coaches' own, and his or her welfare should be uppermost always.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the professional. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the WYFL Board of Directors, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members.

The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with the WYF Board of Directors, sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.

The coach shall respect and support contest officials.

The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

Before and after contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play as they related to the lifetime impact on the participants and spectators.

Develop an awareness and understanding of all rules and guidelines governing competition, both in letter and intent, and to comply with them in all activities.

Refrain from making disparaging remarks to opponents, officials, coaches, players or spectators in any aspect of school activities.

Vigorously encourage the development of proper health habits and discourage the use of chemicals, including alcohol and tobacco.

Exemplify proper self-control always and accept adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction.

Encourage everyone to judge the true success of the activities programs based on the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than based on a win or loss.  
Instruct athletes in the fundamental skills, strategy and physical training necessary for them to realize a degree of individual and team success  
Emphasize the importance of academics, sportsmanship, and citizenship as part of the athletic philosophy  
Maintain high standards for athletes' performance and conduct  
Model standards of conduct in own behavior  
Dress appropriately at practices and games  
Knowledge of sport  
Knowledge of training and conditioning techniques  
Seek opportunities to learn and employ new techniques and ideas  
Teach skills that are appropriate and safe for the individual athlete  
Supervise athletes always  
Maintain, inventory, properly store, disburse and care for equipment as well as ensure collection back to the League

Check equipment and facilities for safety  
Assist in the necessary preparation to hold scheduled events or practices as necessary  
Create and enforce appropriate team rules  
Knowledge and use of appropriate emergency/injury response skills  
Encourage leadership of athletes on and off the field  
Communicate with parents promptly and appropriately  
Participate in pre-season informational meetings with parents and athletes  
Interact with game officials effectively and appropriately  
Model excellent sportsmanship always  
Meet deadlines for paperwork and other related duties  
Maintain paperwork/records of athletes as required  
Coaches will never conduct himself or herself in a manner unbecoming of a gentleman or lady

Any violations by any Coaches of this Code will be reviewed first by the WYF Board of Directors, not directly involved in the complaint. If complaint is found to contain merit, then the Coach affected will be required to appear before the WYF Board of Directors for exonerating the accused or imposing sanctions against the offender. The Board reserves the right to suspend a coach for not following the Code of conduct at their discretion.

Coaching Windham Youth Football is a privilege and all coaches serve at the discretion of the Board.

I have read, understand, and agree to the goals and expectations for coaches set forth by the WYF Board of Directors as detailed above.

Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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