

2022 Stateline Comets Coaches Code of Conduct & Expectations

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for the team participating in the South East Youth Football Alliance League by following the Coaches Code of Conduct Pledge:

1. I will strive to do my best to organize all practices to be insightful and challenging for the players.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, Coaches, Officials, Board Members, Staff, and Parents at league sponsored events whether home or away.
3. I will encourage a balanced lifestyle between sport, education, family, and other interests.
4. I will place the emotional, physiological, and physical well-being of the team, and any other children in the league ahead of any personal desires that I may have.
5. I will insist that the team participates in a **safe and healthy** environment. This includes limited practices, contact, scrimmages, drills, and/or playing in unsafe climate conditions.
6. I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries for all players, and stay current in my education with USA Football regarding player injuries.
7. I will support all coaches, board members, and others working with the team, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
8. I will accept and communicate that **striving** to win is more important than winning itself.
9. I will accept and communicate that mistakes are an important part of learning, and focus on the reflection of any/all positive experiences that each and every player had every practice or game.
10. **I will constantly remind myself that the league is for the youth and not the coaches.**
11. I will ask the team to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents, spectators, officials, with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
12. **I will refrain from any vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures while participating in, or watching any league sponsored event whether home or away.**
13. I will direct all my comments and criticisms of parents, participants, officials, board members away from the children participating in the league, and conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when doing so.
14. I fully understand all my conversations held at home, around friends, on the phone, or in a vehicle that may be spoken in the wrong manner or content can easily lead children down the wrong path including at school.
15. I fully understand that if a team is winning by a large margin or is scoring easily upon an opponent, I will make the appropriate decisions to avoid running up the score any further on an opponent. This includes passing, trick plays, leaving the starting backfield in the game, or stacking a defense, etc.. This includes a three score lead (18 pts).
16. I fully understand every child/player is a different person, and it takes a great coach and listener to effectively and positively work with each individual. I also understand that the organization/league will not tolerate any abusive, loud, demeaning, actions towards any participant or guest, swearing or cursing. Violation of these rules will involve appropriate action from the board and/or league which could include, but not limited to...suspension and permanent ban from all SEYFA activities.
17. I fully understand that my time given as a coach is strictly volunteer time for the better of kids, game, league, and community. All other volunteer time required by the league or organization is in addition to my coaching time.
18. I fully understand that my volunteer time needed may also involve commitment to volunteer for addition supporting roles that may not involve my own child, or team. This includes several preseason Registrations and Equipment Fittings, Newbie Camp, Jamboree, Field Marshall during home games, Equipment Return, and/or the Annual Banquet.
19. **I fully understand that any violation of the rules listed above, or any other issues not listed may be considered as hurtful, un-fulfillment of required duties, and could result in the board reviewing my behavior, and taking the necessary actions, which may include fines, suspension, and/or permanent dismissal from the Stateline Comets and/or SEYFA.**

Coach/Member Signature: _____

Name Printed: _____ Date: _____

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Note: In order to participate in the Stateline Comets Youth Football Program, this form must be signed and dated. Failure of the coach to read, understand, and sign this document will automatically render the coach ineligible to participate in the league activities home or away, practices or games. In addition, by signing this Code of Conduct Pledge, said coach agrees to abide by the guidelines set forth above, and or any other league rules spelled out by SEYFA/USA Football/IHSA, and conduct themselves at all times in the appropriate manner. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct, or violation of any of the guidelines set forth above or in the SEYFA/USA Football/IHSA/WIAA rules, will automatically render the Coach unable to participate or attend any league sponsored event either home or away. Stateline Comets or SEYFA board members have the sole right to enforce any such violations.

Coaching Requirements	Days	Hrs (ea)	Season Total Hrs	Need	Commit (YES or NO)	Comments
•Recruiting min April – July				All Coaches, all levels		
•Training - Any developmental coaching training?				All Coaches, all levels		
•Equipment Fitting – June or July	3	2 ea	6	Shared by all coaches EVERY level		
•Newbie Camp – 7/28/22	1	2	2	Shared by all coaches EVERY level		
•Season (Prac/Games) – 8/1/22 thru 10/29/22	51	2 ea	102	All Coaches, all levels		
•Jamboree – 8/20/22	1	2 ea	2	Shared by all coaches EVERY level		
•Home Games (Field Marshall)	4	2 ea	8	Shared by all coaches EVERY level		
•Equipment Return	3	2 ea	6	Shared by all coaches EVERY level		
SIGNED _____						
Date _____						

Grade Level _____

Head Coach Signature _____

Comets Board Signature _____