



## **2026 Coaches Code of Conduct**

As a coach in MBYFL, you are expected to uphold the **highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and leadership**. The following guidelines ensure a positive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

- Set a positive example for players, demonstrating leadership, respect, and professionalism always.
- Criticizing players publicly will not be tolerated.
- Officials' decisions are final and made to the best of their ability.
- Criticizing opposing teams, players, coaches, or fans, verbally or by gestures will not be tolerated
- Promote the student-athlete balance, emphasizing physical readiness and mental focus.
- Reinforce teamwork and collaboration as the basis of team success.
- Remain within the designated bench area at all times.
- Work with your Organization/MBYFL Board and officials to manage team and spectator conduct; disruptive fans will be asked to leave.
- Abusive or profane language; will not be tolerated; violations will result in disciplinary action.
- Touching players inappropriately, including facemasks or pads, even if the player is your child will not be tolerated.
- Receiving compensation for coaching services is not allowed.
- "Sweating down" to meet weight requirements is against CA state law and will require mandated reports to contact and report to Child Protective Services.
- Ensure ineligible players or cheerleaders do not participate.
- Discourage unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Refrain from drinking/using alcohol or illegal substances and smoking or using tobacco on the game or practice fields.
- Do NOT remove injured or ill players/Cheerleaders from the field of play or sideline without clearance from a qualified medical professional.
- Maintain control of team supporters; your behavior sets the tone.
- Follow all Organizational and MBYFL rules and regulations.
- Respect the National Anthem or a moment of silence before games; remove headgear.
- Limit cell phone use during games to emergencies or official team communication.
- Always maintain integrity.
- Understand that neglect or misconduct will result in disciplinary action by your organizations and/or MBYFL.

### **Disciplinary Actions**

- **First Offense:** One-week suspension
- **Second Offense:** Suspension for remainder of season
- **Game Ejection:** Automatic one-week suspension. Suspension applies to the following full week/game if ejection occurs before a bye week or during playoffs.

*All violations or penalties must be reported to MBYFL within seven (7) days of the incident*

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the **MBYFL Coaches Code of Conduct**. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary action

**Coach Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Division:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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