

# MARINER

## JR FOOTBALL & CHEER

### Mariner Youth Football Coaches Code of Conduct

As coaches you have a very important role in the development of young athletes; a role that goes far beyond coaching the game of football. Your leadership, philosophy and actions will leave impressions far more indelible and much farther reaching than you may have ever imagined. Developing character, sportsmanship and respect depends greatly upon your own approach and the example you set. At MARINER Football and Cheerleading we want to represent a winning organization not counted just by wins and losses on the field. We want to lead by example; therefore, this Coaches Code of Conduct, jointly approved by the Board of MARINER, defines expectations of conduct. The Board expects all coaches to conform to the code while coaching in the MARINER Youth Football and Cheerleading program.

- 1. Integrity** - The coach must act with integrity in performing all duties. As a coach, pursue victory with honor. Advocate the importance of honor and good character.
- 2. Honesty & Respect** - Don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in or permit dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct. Use courtesy, honesty and respect in regards to other coaches, parents, Board Members and other MARINER representatives.
- 3. Positive Coaching** - Use positive coaching methods that increases the athlete's self-esteem and fosters the word TEAM. Refrain from physical or psychological intimidation, verbal or physical abuse, and conduct that is demeaning to a MARINER athlete. Direct comments and/or constructive criticism at the athlete's performance rather than the athlete.
- 4. Personal Conduct** - Refrain from profanity, disrespectful conduct and the use of alcohol or tobacco in front of the MARINER athlete, or other situations where the coach's conduct could undermine the coach's impact as a role model. The coach must be sensitive to the fact that he is responsible for promoting a positive image for the MARINER program.
- 5. Competence** - Strive to improve coaching competence and acquire increasing proficiency in coaching principles. Attend coach's clinics, first aid, safety and other required classes or clinics. Maintain knowledge of the rules of the game and eligibility rules regarding weight and age of the MARINER athlete.
- 6. MARINER Fundraisers and Volunteers** - MARINER fundraisers are the lifeblood of our organization. They provide us with much needed funds to ensure that our program continues to grow and flourish. Each coach needs to support our fundraising program by getting the information to the parents and supporters hands. Organize your team, send out flyers and ask for help with parking, concessions, fieldwork, etc. Each coach is required to support this effort to the best of their ability.
- 7. Respect for Officials/Judges** - The coach must accept the role of the officials/judges in providing judgment. The coach must accept both the letter and spirit of the rules that govern our game.
- 8. Gamesmanship** - Promote sportsmanship; don't cheat. Resist temptations to gain the competitive edge through risky strategies or techniques such as requiring an athlete to lose excessive weight, alteration of equipment and other related events. Be fair in competitive situations, selecting a team, disciplinary issues, and all other matters. Coaches be aware of your egos and emotions.
- 9. Athlete's Interest** - Put the well being of the MARINER athlete above all other considerations and take appropriate steps to protect them from inappropriate conduct.

**I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the MARINER Youth Football and Cheerleading League Coaches Code of Conduct.**

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Coach's Name (Print)

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Coach Signature

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Date