



Matawan Aberdeen Pop Warner
Coaches Code Of Conduct
From Pop Warner National Rulebook



All coaches, football and spirit participants will abide by a Code Of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League shall have the authority to impose a penalty. Coaches shall:

- Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
- Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
- Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
- Not criticize and opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
- Emphasize that winning is the result of good "teamwork".
- Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
- Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who become a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
- Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- Not "pile it on;" not encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.
- Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
- Not permit or encourage "sweating down" tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.
- Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant's physician.

- Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
- Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
- Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- Control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you're responsible for your team, and fan reaction will usually be in step with your reaction.
- Uphold all rules and regulations, National and Local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.