

## FOOTBALL COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHANT

The Coach's Code of Conduct is intended to provide behavior guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. It is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as CHANT's standard for behavioral evaluation.

Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative action up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, CHANT sponsored activities.

Illegal, unlawful, and harmful behavior towards the athletes on the part of the coach shall NOT be tolerated by the organization CHANT and will be reported to the authorities.

Coaches and assistant coaches shall remain supportive of the organization's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the players on his/her team. To adhere to these doctrines, the coaches and assistant coaches agree as follows:

- 1. Coaches work to set and communicate expectations clearly to players and parents.**
- 2. Coaches will display and instill the principle of godly character, good sportsmanship, and team play.**
  - a. I will do my best to teach athletes to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
  - b. I will not encourage, or tolerate, any form of trickery or evasion of rules to gain an advantage over an opponent.
  - c. I will not use ineligible players and will take the responsibility of having proper and legal documents on each player always proving their eligibility.
  - d. In the event of a commanding lead, effort shall be made to let all players, who fulfil their player commitment, have a chance to play.
- 3. Coaches will lead by example in treating everyone with respect.**
  - a. I will not berate/ridicule/demean athletes. Rather, I will provide constructive criticism, in private, or in the presence of team members who may also benefit.
  - b. I will refrain from any physical contact in an aggressive manner, profanity and vulgar language, verbal abuse, or obscene gestures, knowing these will not be tolerated.
  - c. I will not show favoritism to one athlete over another, even if they are my own children.
- 4. Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of an athlete.**
  - a. I will never knowingly permit a player to be injured to play to return to the game.
  - b. I will remove from a game or practice any participant when his/her health is in question, until competent medical advice is available.
- 5. Coaches will take reasonable steps to see that all equipment used by the players is safe and conforms to standards.**
- 6. Coaches will respect and abide by the rules of the property/facility wherever we are playing or practicing.**
  - a. I will be responsible for finding out the rules and enforcing those rules with the players and spectators on the field.
    - i. For example: Can we have drinks other than water on the field? Can we have food on the field?
    - ii. I know that disobeying the rules of the property/facility we are using may cause us to lose our opportunity of using the property or facility.
- 7. The Head coach will determine who may initiate discussions in with the referee in a civil manner. Under NO circumstances will a coach yell or storm the field at a referee.**
- 8. Coaches will teach the game of football to the best of their ability.**
  - a. I will provide feedback to the athletes and avoid too much negative feedback.
  - b. I will teach what is expected of the athletes and how it is to be done, rather than expect the athletes to know what to do.

**9. Coaches will take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a player or family, coach, or board member.**

- a. I will remember the relationship is more important than the disagreement.
- b. I will resolve with the individual with whom I have a problem.
  - i. I will listen attentively and acknowledge the other person's points without arguing or challenging.
  - ii. I will speak truth in love when responding.
  - iii. I will take responsibility for my part and apologize.
- c. I will get additional help if needed (Matthew 18:15-17)
  - i. I will bring in another coach or parent to help resolve. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
  - ii. I will bring in the athletic director. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
  - iii. I will request a review by the CHANT Board by placing my concerns in writing.

**10. Coaches will provide an environment at all CHANT events that is free of drugs, tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, foul/coarse language, and pornography.**

**11. Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by TAI AO and CHANT.**

**12. When the time comes that I am ready to step away/resign as a coach, I will let the CHANT Board know as soon as possible. I will send a letter of resignation to the Board first, then work in conjunction with the Board on how to communicate it best to the team and parents.**

**13. I agree that I am a believer in Jesus, He is my Lord and I do my best to serve Him according to the Bible.**

- a. Please write a brief testimony of your relationship with Jesus if you have not already done this previously.

- b. Please include what church you are actively attending....even if you have done this previously.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above stated Coach's Code of Conduct of the organization known as CHANT. I agree to be bound by its provisions.

**Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_