

DESERT HIGHLANDS YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

FLAG / TACKLE / CHEER COACHES
“CODE OF ETHICS”

I (the undersigned) hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a Youth Football and/or Cheer Squad Coach by following the Coaches “Code of Ethics”

1. **I will** place the emotional and physical well being of the children on my team/squad ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. **I will** treat each player as an individual, remembering that there is a wide range of emotional and physical development required within my team/squad.
3. **I will** do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all the children on my team/squad.
4. **I will** promise to review and practice basic first aid, and able to treat any injuries to the children within my team/squad.
5. **I will** do my best to organize practices that are both fun and challenging for all the members of my team/squad.
6. **I will** lead by example in demonstrating both “fair play” and “sportsmanship” to the children on my team/squad.
7. **I will** be responsible for all members of my adult staff, team youth participants and their family members at all DHYFA sponsored events, and expect them to treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with respect.
8. **I will** be knowledgeable in the current rules of play that this League/Association will operate under, and I will teach these rules to both my staff of assistant coaches, and to the children on my team/squad.
9. **I will** use appropriate coaching techniques for the level of children placed on my team/squad.
10. **I will** remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not for the glory of any adults.
11. **I will** be available to talk to any parents, before/after practice, and before/after games,
12. **I will** provide an environment for my team/squad that is free of any type of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and refrain from using them at all practice locations or game fields. I am also aware of the “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy this Association has regarding the use of any drugs, tobacco, and alcohol in the presence of the children within this program.

Coaches Name (print) _____ Coaches Signature _____

Date _____ Division & Team/Squad Name _____