



Mundelein Junior Football League, Inc.
COACHES STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
2004

Coaches will provide a positive environment conducive to teaching the fundamentals of football/cheerleading, teamwork, sportsmanship, and responsibility. Coaches are expected to serve as role models by conducting themselves in a responsible adult manner both on the field and as members of the community.

All coaches are expected to know and adhere to IHSA, JFLNI and MJFL rules, as appropriate, governing the conduct of league football games. Incidents involving a coach's failure to follow the rules or an incident where a coach agrees to compromise the rules shall be reviewed by the MJFL Executive Board and may result in a coach being suspended. Incorporated in the standards are the means by which coaches will be measured and corrective action in the event of violation. Therefore, the following Standards of Conduct have been established by the MJFL for compliance by all coaching personnel.

Accordingly, coaches shall not:

- Use verbal intimidation towards players, to include personal degradation.
- Use profanity while on the practice or game field, or as a representative of the MJFL at an MJFL sanctioned event.
- Physically handle the children in an abusive manner, with absolutely no grabbing of the facemask.
- Smoke or use other tobacco products while on the practice or game field.
- Engage in abusive verbal or physical altercations with officials, coaches, parents or fans. Any confirmed physical incident will result in an immediate dismissal and forfeiture of any fees paid. Any confirmed incident of abusive verbal behavior may result in suspension or dismissal and forfeiture of any fees paid.
- Sell or be involved in the sale or use of drugs. Individuals criminally charged with the sale, possession or use of drugs shall be indefinitely suspended. If convicted, the coach will be dismissed from the Mundelein Jr. Football League and forfeit any fees paid.
- Provide performance-enhancing compounds or liquids (i.e. including but not limited to steroids, protein supplements, weights loss supplements) to participants in the MJFL. Individuals found to have provided performance-enhancing compounds to participants in the MJFL shall be immediately dismissed from the MJFL and forfeit any fees paid.
- Appear at, or participate in, a practice or game under the influence of alcohol. This includes the odor on their breath or clothing. Any confirmed incident will automatically result in a coach being dismissed from the League.

Attendance at Practices, League Meetings and Parent Meetings

- Head Coaches are expected to attend/participate in all scheduled practices and meetings, including Executive Board meetings. Failure to attend 50% of the scheduled Board meetings may result in removal of Head Coach.
- All head coaches will conduct at least one team parent meeting prior to the first game. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the parents of the player/cheerleaders' responsibilities, league rules, players and coach's Standards of Conduct, upcoming events and answer any questions. Additional team meetings may be held at the discretion of the head coach.
- Assistant coaches are expected to attend/participate in all scheduled practices and meetings, including Executive Board meetings.

Ejections from Games

- The ejection of a coach from a game must be reported to a member of the MJFL Executive Board immediately after the game. If the ejection involves a coach from a travel team, the MJFL must report the ejection to the JFLNI league secretary within 24 hours of the incident. The MJFL Executive Board will review and may conduct a hearing on the ejection.
- Consequences for Ejections
 1. Ejection from a game will automatically result in a one game suspension for the coach that was ejected (not to include the game of ejection).
 2. If the ejection is a result of a physical altercation, the coach shall be immediately dismissed from the MJFL. This is applicable to coaches from the travel teams and in-house teams.
 3. If the JFLNI suspends the coach for one game, an additional suspension will not be imposed by the MJFL

All violations of the Standards of Conduct will be reported to the MJFL Executive Board. The Executive Board shall review the complaint within 72 hours of receipt. A validated complaint may result in a warning, an immediate suspension or dismissal from the League.

The final decision will be the responsibility of the MJFL Executive Board. In the event the complaint is against a member of the Executive Board, the remaining members of the Executive Board will render the decision.