

# Coaching Responsibility & Expectations

- Coaches will be volunteers (parents, grandparents, family members, etc) who are willing to help players understand and enjoy the game.
- Coaches will be responsible for helping to shape the futures of these young athletes by giving them the opportunity to develop their self-confidence, camaraderie as teammates, improve their athletic skills, gain leadership abilities and to become more responsible for themselves and their team.
- Coaches will be responsible for team practices and games. Coaches will be allowed to have as many practices as they desire but please be understanding of peoples' schedules and accommodate the parents and children involved with your team. For example: if you elect to have up to 4 practices a week you may risk a lack of returning participants the following season. It may be difficult for most individuals to commit to such a large practice schedule.
- Gridiron will only allow qualified individuals to coach. Coaches must be qualified but do not need any experience coaching. To qualify you will be required to pass a background check.
- Coaches shall be well organized for games and practices. This will ensure a high-quality experience for each participant in this league.
- Coaches will have a clear understanding that this is a competitive league.
- Coaches will have a clear understanding that despite this being a competitive league you may have players with a wide variety of skill and knowledge of the game. As a coach it is your responsibility to teach and instruct each child no matter their level skill and experience with flag football. Be patient and ensure you give every child the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport. Provide each participant an opportunity to participate and contribute to the team. (Please contact the league commissioner to discuss any issues or concerns)
- Coaches will have a clear understanding that you are a role model for these children and your actions and words must reflect this. This includes practices, games, and all team related activities. Please lead by example and show respect to all players, officials, scorekeepers, coaches, Gridiron staff, parents, spectators and anyone else involved with this league.

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- Coaches will have a clear understanding of sportsmanship. You should be a positive role model and teach your players how to win humbly and lose graciously.
- Coaches should encourage parent involvement and coordinate their assistance with your coaching style and coaching goals.
- Coaches will be required to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all players, assistants and parents.
- **COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ALL OF Gridiron Football RULES AND GUIDELINES. ANY POLICY OR CODE OF CONDUCT ISSUES MAY RESULT IN FINES, SUSPENSIONS, OR DISQUALIFICATION FROM COACHING WITH GRIDIRON.**
- Gridiron is a competitive league but we are not at the collegiate or professional level! As a coach you are a role model and should behave accordingly. Gridiron will not tolerate coaches who behave in a negative or abusive manner. Gridiron reserves the right to fine and/or suspend any coach who does not abide by our code of conduct and league expectations. Gridiron reserves the right to remove any coach from the league, at anytime, without reimbursement.

