



COACHES'

Rules and Regulations

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1. Coaches must be voted on and approved by the BYFA Board annually and back ground check approved before being allowed to coach.
2. All Coaches must be NYSCA (or equivalent) certified and will be required to participate in the coaches clinics, pad camp, and Health and Safety seminars (or such training deemed necessary by BYFA). Including one coach from each team to be certified in First Aid/CPR. A copy of the certification must be provided to BYFA.
3. Only certified coaches, equipment staff (ie water, chain crew), eligible players, and the officiating crew will be allowed on the sidelines. All equipment staff and photographers must have BYFA sideline card.
4. Coaches must attend a minimum 75% of weekly practices. Attendance at all games is expected (unless circumstances beyond your control or arrangements with coaching staff or BYFA board have been made)
5. Coaches are responsible for all team equipment issued by BYFA. Coaches will be required to follow all the rules for the issuing of this equipment and will be required to return to BYFA, the same issued to him, with in 30 days after the final game/tournament.
6. A coach will not transport any player to or from practices or games with out approval of parent/guardian.
7. The BYFA Board members are empowered with the authority to limit, restrict or make changes as deemed necessary at all practices to insure equal and proper treatment. Practices shall be limited to no more than (4) times per week and no more than (2) hours per practice. MM are no more than (1.5) hours per practice and (3) times per week. 2nd,3rd,and 4th grade are allowed only (3) practices after preseason Tourney starts. Coaches must have a written daily practice agenda in their possession at all practices, with copies available to the parents and board.
8. A coach holding practices on Wednesday evenings must find their own practice field and will not be allowed to discipline a player for non-attendance due to his/her religious commitments.
9. Stretching exercises shall be completed before every practice begins.
10. Coaches will rationally discuss with a parent/guardian any problem or situation which may arise. A Head coach is expected to attempt to resolve any grievance first. If a solution is not reached, the Head coach is expected to direct the grievance to the grade rep. If grievance can not be resolved by the grade rep the grievance will be settled by a vote of the board and all grade reps. (anyone directly involved in the grievance will not be able to vote).
11. Coaches will not be permitted to use profanity, abusive language, alcohol or tobacco of any kind, while on the game or practice field, nor shall they display any conduct that may be deemed offensive.
12. Coaches have the authority to discipline a player during practices or games for reasons they felt necessary by the coach in the following manner.
 - A participant may be directed to sit on the sideline.
 - A participant may be ejected from a practice or game,
 - Two absences during one week may result in the player being deemed ineligible for that weeks game.
 - All other disciplinary actions must be approved by the board.
 - **All disciplinary actions taken must be filed with the association on the "Disciplinary action taken" form and turned into your appropriate grade rep within 24 hours of action.**
13. A coach is expected to adhere to all rules and regulations as set forth by BYFA and INFC.



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14. Each BYFA team will use a BYFA designated photographer for team pictures.
15. Once a player is drafted in 3rd grade he/she will remain on that team as long as they continue to play in the 3rd grade, unless the parents choose to have the player go back into the draft. Upon entering 4th grade and there after the coach may choose to place 2 and no more than 2 players back in draft each season (when a grade is adding an additional team it may be necessary to place more than 2 players in the draft).
16. Coaches will be responsible to make sure they communicate to the teams parents their stadium clean up schedule, concession duties, and field duties. If team parents do not participate, said team will forfeit every scheduled game until said duties are met.(schedules will be posted on the web site by August 20th)
17. Coaches are responsible for the practice equipment they use, each team must make sure that the equipment is returned to the shed and placed inside in an orderly manner (it may become necessary to assign a team each week to clean and organize the shed).
18. Coaches may be directed to discipline a participant, participants parent, or assistant coach of their team, if proper and substantiated evidence of bad sportsmanship is presented (i.e. teasing other participants at school for performance, degrading other BYFA teams in public).
19. Coaches are expected to support and assist other teams of BYFA, any direct act of bad sportsmanship may/can be considered a violation of the rules and result in one of the following as stated in rule 20.
20. Violation of these rules by a coach of BYFA will result in one or more of the following:
 - Warning
 - Probation
 - Suspension (limited or lifetime)
 - Fine
 - Forfeiture of practices or games
 - NYSCA certification removal
22. Coaches have fun and make it fun for the children.

We greatly appreciate your time and commitment. With out you our association will not succeed. Please remember we support and back you in your coaching career with BYFA .

By signature of this document I declare that I have read and understand the rules and regulations.

Coach _____ Date _____