

## **COACH'S AGREEMENT**

(Revised July15)

### **League Mission Statement**

The Boca Flag Football League has been formed for the purpose of providing, organizing and facilitating, a youth sports league for the children in the West Boca community. The League is committed to building character and football skills in a fun and safe environment.

We are dedicated to sharing the values of Education, Community, Athletics, and a positive Philosophy for living.

### **As a Coach of the Boca Flag Football League (BFFC), I agree to the following:**

1. I will uphold the mission of BFFC as stated above.
2. I will do my best to act as a positive role model for the children. This includes conducting myself positively during practices and games, not challenging officials' calls and managing so that neither parents nor players are questioning the officials. I will demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times and do my best to help the children develop their football skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. I will try to have fun and help the children to have fun. I understand that it is my responsibility as the Coach to do my best to ensure that everyone connected with the team-including players, family members, friends, and other coaches-demonstrates good sportsmanship.
3. I will make an effort to ensure that every child on the team feels important to the team's success and that participation and teamwork are primary to the team's success. I understand that the League will be supportive of my right to suspend team members for up to two practices or one game if a team member is abusive either verbally or physically to anyone connected with BFFC. If such action is necessary, I will notify the Division Coordinator for approval. If additional action seems appropriate, I am required to notify the Division Coordinator of the nature of the problem so that appropriate additional actions can be taken by the Disciplinary Committee of the BFFC Board of Directors. I pledge that I will not take such action unless clearly necessary.
4. I understand that there are League rules and it is my responsibility to comply with those rules and make sure that the children and parents associated with the team understand and abide by the rules. I understand that the Division Coordinators and Board Members are responsible for enforcement of all BFFC policies and that failure to comply may lead to action by the BFFC Disciplinary Committee.
5. If a player quits the team, I will notify the Division Coordinator immediately so the Division Coordinator can determine if the player will return to the team, reasons for quitting, possible replacements, etc.
6. I understand that my failure to comply with the principles and rules outlined in this agreement will cause my suspension or removal of my coaching role by the Boca Flag Football League. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure that assistant/substitute coaches comply with the terms of this agreement.

In addition, I, as a coach in the BFFC, agree to the following:

- No coach shall do anything to cause distractions to the other team they are playing and the other team's parents or other guests who are watching the game. Examples of this are: any type of band, playing any type of music on the sideline, having any form of cheerleaders around the field, etc. This also applies to having any type of pre-game introduction (smoke machine, banner for the kids to run through, etc.). Also holding signs up during any game on the sidelines or ringing "cow bells" or other noise makers are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach and assistant coaches of the offending team to make sure the parents do not violate any of these provisions. Failure to do so will result in first a 15 yard penalty. If the infraction continues it will result in a stoppage and forfeiture of the game if the offending issues are not resolved within 3 minutes to the satisfaction of a referee or league official.
- No coach shall videotape any game (including their own or any other league game) including by a company or any third party (who is paid or unpaid to do so). It is acceptable for parents of the participants to videotape if they are doing so in the designated team sideline area. It is unacceptable for any coach or parent to film another team's game in which their

child is not playing in (i.e. scouting a game). Also, no aerial drones are allowed to be flown above or around any of the football fields at any time.

- Coaches if they so choose can attend other games in their respective division to “scout” the other team, but will do nothing to draw attention to themselves, videotape the game or ask someone to videotape the game for them. If this becomes an issue and a Board member asks them to leave the field, due to complaints, the coach or coaches will do so immediately or risk suspension from their next game.
- Coaches will not have any type of airplane (with or without attached banners) fly above or around any of the football fields at any time.
- No celebrities will be allowed to attend any scheduled practice or game. (i.e. current or former professional athletes from any sport, any movie or television star, or any other person paid or asked as a favor to attend a BFFC sanctioned event that causes any type of distraction to the opposing team in the Board’s sole judgment).
- No coaches or parents of a team will do anything to draw attention to their team for winning the Super Bowl or any big team achievement such as winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regular season. Examples of this are providing Super Bowl winning shirts and/or mock rings to hand out to the players at the BFFC trophy ceremony or any other act that aims to draw improper attention to the winning team at the Board’s sole discretion. If a coach or parent would like to carry out some act that they feel is appropriate, they must first obtain the Board’s written approval to do so. Failure to get permission can result in being terminated from the league the following season (pertains to offending coaches, parents and their player(s)).
- If a team forfeits two games during the regular season, the team will forfeit one playoff game once the playoffs commence. If there are any unusual circumstances, it can be subject to Board review and consideration.
- If any of the rules are violated by a team, coach and/or parent, the coaches shall each receive a written notice describing the violation from the Board. If a second violation occurs, the Board will meet with the offending coaching staff and determine which coach is most responsible for the violation. This coach or coaches shall be removed from the league and banned from coaching for the following season. This applies only to the coach and not their child, unless it is determined that the offending coaches conduct is detrimental to the league and that in the Board’s sole discretion, that coach’s child may also be banned from participating the following season.
- No coach or coaches shall encourage, pay for or invite any person or persons to attend a game that does not have a direct relationship to a participant in the game (i.e. relative or close family friend). They will not provide them with team colors (i.e. hats, t-shirts, jerseys) and under no circumstances will any guest do anything to effect the enjoyment of watching the game for the other teams’ parents/friends. This provision also applies to any parent as well. If this occurs, a Board member will review the situation and determine in their sole discretion to ask the offending person or persons to leave the field immediately. If they do not comply, it will result in the team that is connected to the offending party to immediately forfeit the game.
- Coaches understand that the referees are in charge of the game and if during the game issues arise, the head referee is in control of the game. If improper behavior continues at the head referees’ sole discretion, he or she may terminate the game, resulting in a forfeit for the offending team.
- If a coach is ejected from a game, they are suspended for the following game, and depending on the severity of the infraction, in the Board’s sole discretion may be suspended for multiple games or the remainder of the season. If another coach is subsequently flagged after the other coach’s ejection in the same game and the two are ejected after the second flag on them, it shall be an immediate forfeiture of that game.
- It is the Board’s sole discretion to accept sponsorship from any coach or company/organization.
- It is also in the Board’s sole and absolute discretion to take whatever actions it deems necessary for any conduct that the Board feels are detrimental to the league. This may result in suspensions to the coach, parent or player or immediate removal from the league.

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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP/Division \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_