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SHARPSBURG YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COACHES CREED

Coaches Creed:

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for the players I coach while they participate in the SYFA program by following this Coaches Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players by giving positive support to all parents and officials at every game, practice or other related event.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players. Safety is a must! Coaches should use practices to mentally and physically prepare their team. Proper conditioning of athletes significantly reduces the chance of injury.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of football or cheerleading and will teach these rules to my players.
- I will do my best or organize practices that are fun and challenging and will use coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach. Football/Cheerleading should be fun. If we take the fun out of the sport, we take the kids out of the sport!
- I will remember that I am a Youth Sports coach, and that the game is for children - not for adults.
- I understand the use of alcohol or ANY tobacco products at practice or game facilities is strictly prohibited and will refrain from using these products.
- I will make myself available to all players and parents. I will be at each practice, game and team functions prior to the team and stay until each child has been picked up.
- I will participate league fundraisers. (Our league is a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. The cost of running the league is very expensive and we cannot survive without fundraisers and the support of our coaches, parents and volunteers)

Name (Please Print): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____