

## **Camrose Buffaloes Football Association (CBFA)** **Coach Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct is written and agreed to, to protect and support all players, coaches, officials, staff, and parents as well as the team's reputation in the community and in the league.

Appropriate behaviour allows everyone to learn, to be safe, be treated with respect, courtesy, and consideration. Consequently, appropriate behaviour with CBFA is mandatory. Each person must take responsibility for his/her behaviour and make appropriate choices as described below.

As a Coach of the CBFA:

I understand I will be in a position of great responsibility in the development of children and the attitudes and behaviors I exhibit will set the tone for the players, staff, and parents I work with.

I will treat other coaches, players, staff, officials, and parents with respect and exhibit good sportsmanship always, including opposing teams.

I will treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.

I will place the well-being and safety of each player above all considerations.

I will direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than at the athlete. I will respect the player's dignity.

I will ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of the athlete and educate athletes as to their responsibility in contributing to a safe environment.

I will communicate and co-operate with the registered medical practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of the player's medical and psychological problems. I will consider the player's future health and well-being as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured player's ability to continue playing or training.

I am aware of the many pressures placed on athletes as they strive to balance the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of their lives and conduct practices and games in a manner to allow optimum success.

I will abide by the rules of the game and exhibit appropriate behaviors both on and off the field.

I will strive to take advantage of additional opportunities for training and

education to maintain and enhance my skills as a minor football coach.

I will not use any wide-spread social media communication channels to communicate any conflicts, debates, or confidential issues, recognizing that mass communication methods can detract from CBFA's ability to resolve issues and disputes in a timely, equitable and professional fashion.

I will at no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with players. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.

I will never advocate or condone the use of drugs, alcohol or other banned performance enhancing substances. Nor will I provide any players with the same.

I will not use illegal substances, tobacco, cannabis, vaping, or alcohol products at the field, or in the presence of the players. Nor will I attend any CBFA sanctioned event while under the influence of cannabis, alcohol, or illegal substances.

In the event that any CBFA Coach is not abiding by the Code of Conduct, or if there is a complaint or concern brought forward from players, other coaches or field staff, parent/guardians, the League, or any other person; the Coach Disciplinary Procedures (CDP) will take effect and a record will be included in the coaches file.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Camrose Buffaloes Football Association rules and Code of Conduct as written on this form.

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Print name of Coach

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Print name of Witness

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Signature of Coach

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