

## Coaches Code of Conduct

GFYR coaches should commit themselves to a positive, player-centered approach in their coaching. Coaches and assistant coaches are expected to maintain a higher level of sportsmanship, professionalism, and integrity both on and off the field. Coaches must maintain respect for the game as well as the referees.

**As a sport educator, GFYR coaches will strive to:**

1. Be a positive role model for rugby and its players.  
Encourage players to also be positive role models for rugby and other players.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all within the context of their involvement in rugby.
  - a. Focus on their player's improvement as well as on results. They develop and maximize each player's physical, mental and emotional potential.
  - b. Place the welfare and safety of each player above all other considerations, including results.
  - c. Believe all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
  - d. Refrain from any discriminatory practices on the basis of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
3. Represent self and specialized standing in an honest manner enhancing the reputation of the Rugby coaching community.
  - a. Are responsible for their actions.
  - b. Display high standards through language, manner, punctuality and presentation.
  - c. Display control, dignity and respect for all involved with rugby – including players, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
4. Make decisions based on the best interests of player's sporting, education and vocational careers.
  - a. Do not place players in competitive or training situations until they are sufficiently prepared or sufficiently recovered from injury.
  - b. Acknowledge the individual talents and potential of players.
  - c. Set the appropriate training programs based upon the developmental level of player.
  - d. Maintain a balanced emphasis on sporting involvement within life objectives.

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by this Code of Conduct whenever participating in a Great Falls Youth Rugby sponsored activity. I also acknowledge that failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension or banishment from Great Falls Youth Rugby activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_