

COACHES GUIDE

Newton Area Flag Football League, hereafter the NAFFL, requires the following:

1 – Background Check. All coaches certify that they have a clear background check with no CORI/SORI violations before you can coach with the NAFFL.

2 – Head Coaches may elect to pick an assistant coach. HOWEVER, any and all assistant coaches must complete the Coaches Consent form at <https://www.newtonareaf-flagfootball.com/coaches-consent.html> before they can help. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** It is the Head Coach’s Responsibility to forward the consent form to the assistant they choose and notify the league the names of any assistant coaches. Once the assistant coach has passed the background check, he/she may begin coaching. Parents may not “help out” or be the sidelines with the team during games without having completed a the consent form. All parents that are not coached have to watch from the endlines of the field. If you have any issues with this, the Head Coach should inform the staff at the registration desk **immediately.**

3 – All coaches must certify that they have read the Leagues Child Abuse Policy for reporting Child Abuse by completing the online consent form.

4 – Conduct - The league has a strict Code of Conduct Policy that expects every player/coach/league official to be respectful of referees, opposing coaches, parents, and all players. Coaches are expected to be a positive role model for impressionable children. Our Coaches Code of Conduct is summarized below:

Coaches are very important in teaching flag football to players. It's imperative that your attitude is positive during losses and wins.

- I agree to conduct myself in a positive manner toward my players, coaches, parents and game officials at all times.
- I will respect players, coaches, parents and game officials at all times.
- I will develop a coaching philosophy that embraces fundamentals, organization, life lessons and friendships versus a “win at all cost” mentality.
- I will remember that kids register to play football because it is fun.
- Every child should have the opportunity to play, and every child will play at least one offensive and one defensive series per half (or the equivalent thereof).
- I will support and respect all decisions made by the game officials and refrain from outward criticism.
- I am responsible for understanding the rules of the game and abide by those rules at all times.
- I will support the integrity of the game and make game decisions in line with fair play and sportsmanship.
- I am responsible for completing my coaching education and safety requirements and teaching the proper fundamentals.

- I will create a safe and positive environment for my players to learn how to play the sport.
- I will listen to my fellow coaches and players regarding player safety, and when in doubt, I will sit them out of play.
- I will honor the game and my responsibility as a coach to provide a positive experience for my team.
- I shall dress neatly and appropriately for every team practice and game
- I will expressly NOT use my position as NAFFL coach to share religious or political beliefs, and I will be respectful that my players and their parents may hold different beliefs than my own
- I will in NO WAY attempt to compete with NAFFL or use my position as coach to further my own personal business or financial interests

5 – **The NAFFL does not** offer any practices outside of 15 minutes before your game, and the open practice field during other games. There is no mandatory attendance for any player.

The league interests are to ensure the highest safety for the children that participate. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

By completing the online consent form, coaches certify that I have read the Coaches Guide and will abide by the NAFFL policies outlined in this document. In the event that I am found to have violated any of the policies, I understand I will no longer be permitted to coach in the NAFFL and may face other potential disciplinary actions according to local, state, and national laws.