

**Sandpoint Junior Tackle Football League**  
**Coach Commitment Statement**

**If appointed as a Sandpoint Junior Tackle Football Coach I will:**

- Remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children, not adults.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Understand the objective of Sandpoint Junior Tackle Football League (SJTFL) as described in the Mission Statement and I will abide by the SJTFL rules, policies and By-Laws.
- Treat each player as an individual, realizing the wide range of emotional and physical development that exists in similar or same age group.
- Realize that such factors as the number of games won and lost, statistics, etc. are very minor considerations in relation to whether the player has a positive, enriching experience during the season and wishes to continue in the sport next year.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Handle all administrative requirements of the team, with the assistance of a Team Parent.
- Spend the time necessary with my team at practices and games.
- Do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players.
- Care for and be responsible for all equipment and keep all practice and game fields clean.
- Abide by the rule that only SJTFL approved coaches and Board of Directors are allowed on the practice and game fields.
- I agree that any disputes between members of a coaching staff shall be handled in private, away from the children and spectators, and shall be handled in a calm adult manner.
- Do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- Learn and abide by SYSA and/or YMCA rules and regulations, for the division in which my team will be playing and will teach these rules to my players. I will confer with SJTFL should any misunderstanding or confusion of the rules occur.
- Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all SJTFL practices, games and tournaments.
- If disciplinary action is taken by SJTFL Board against me or any of my assistant coaches or parent helpers I agree to abide by the ruling and support SJTFL Board decision. I understand that failure to do so may cause my coaching position to be revoked.
- Understand that the SJTFL Board of Directors is diligently working and committed to assisting you in fulfilling your commitments as a coach as well as running an organized Junior Tackle program based on what is best for all of the children participating. The Board appreciates all of the time and effort required of you and is available to help if you need assistance.
  
- **Understand that any of the following actions, while in the presence of players, will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors up to and including removal as Coach of your team:**
  - 1) Display of poor sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior, including arguing or "baiting" the referee
  - 2) Loss of temper and/or self-control
  - 3) Demonstrating an obvious lack of integrity by intentional manipulation of the rules, and/or cheating
  - 4) Playing players less than Minimum Play Requirements
  - 5) Use of bad language, including derogatory remarks made toward a player or another adult
  - 6) Allowing players to "trash talk" other players or referees
  - 7) Use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco while around the team

By signing below, I am stating that I have read and agree to abide by the Coach Commitment Statement listed above. I understand that Sandpoint Junior Tackle Football League is under obligation to take necessary disciplinary action(s) to ensure that the Coaches abide by all SJTFL rules, policies and By-Laws. I understand that failure to follow the rules, policies, by-laws and coached commitment statement may result in my immediate removal, suspension, or any other action deemed appropriate and necessary by the SJTFL Board of Directors.

**Coach (Applicant) Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_