

Coaches Questionnaire

The leadership of the Christian Football League of Michigan is committed to having coaching staffs that will stand together in one mind and heart, contending for the cause of Christ (Phil 1:27) Certain truths are absolutely essential in belief and practice for Biblical Christianity to be maintained. If truths such as the virgin birth of Jesus, His divine nature, the substitutionary atonement of Christ, etc..., are forsaken, Biblical Christianity is lost at the same time. Christianity is a religion based upon truth, the truth of the 66 books of the Bible, and all Christians, regardless of race or gender, have agreed on certain truths. Those truths will never be in dispute by those who truly profess the name of Christ. And so it is essential that all our coaches agree to uphold these basic truths. While we will certainly have differences in worship style and certain practices, it is these basic truths, spelled out below that we must make certain we have unity to make this league what Christ intends it to be.

- 1) Do you believe that there is one God, who exists eternally in three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
Yes _____ No _____
- 2) Do you believe in the incarnation of Jesus Christ as the unique God-man, including his virgin birth, deity and humanity? Yes _____ No _____
- 3) Do you believe that Jesus is the only acceptable substitute to take away our sins, by His perfect life, subsequent death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead; and that he is the only way to heaven?
Yes _____ No _____
- 4) Do you believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ? Yes _____ No _____
- 5) Do you believe that all men are born into the world sinful and therefore lost and under the condemnation of God? Yes _____ No _____
- 6) Do you believe that the means of salvation are faith in Christ and repentance from sin?
Yes _____ No _____
- 7) Do you believe that Jesus will someday physically return to bring eternal bliss in heaven to His children and eternal damnation to unbelievers? Yes _____ No _____

Statement of Belief

We believe in one God, existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on a cross a sacrifice for our sins. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of God the Father he is now. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts. He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth. Being estranged from God, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - personally, visibly, and bodily - to judge the living and the dead. Our faith at the Christian Football League of Michigan is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Statement of Philosophy

The second requirement we have for the coaches of the CFL-MI is to be in line with the league's philosophy of building leaders and servants through football. We again, must be of one accord, in that our greatest desire is not to win games and championships in and of themselves, but that the spiritual growth of our players and the witness of our league, is our highest goal and reward. With that in mind can you wholeheartedly and joyfully agree with the following?

- 1) I will strive to consistently coach in a positive coaching style, trying to affirm and encourage players, even when they make the biggest of mistakes, forsaking open ridicule and degrading of each and every player? Yes _____ No _____
- 2) I will model Christian character by refraining from criticizing authorities, including but not limited to, game and/or league officials. This explicitly means I will not argue calls, throw temper tantrums over calls or explain away shortcomings by blaming officials. Yes _____ No _____
- 3) I will further model Christian character by applauding the efforts and results of other teams, gracefully accept victory as well as defeat, and always put the spiritual well being of players from either team, above all other considerations. Yes _____ No _____
- 4) I will also further model Christian character by teaching and following the spirit as well as the letter of the law, when it comes to rules. This would include giving input to officials over missed calls such as your teams dropping a pass in front of you that is ruled a completion. It would also include refraining from teaching players ways around the rules or schemes meant to influence officials, such as telling players to automatically signally that "our team" recovered a fumble, whenever there is a pile-up for a loose ball. Yes _____ No _____
- 5) I will joyfully accept winning and losing a contest, as well as each decision within a game, as coming from the Lord for the furtherance of His purposes, rather than focusing merely on a game outcome. I will also willingly and joyfully accept any decision that comes from the league correcting any practice that is not in line with the league philosophy. I am willing to do this because my highest goal is the spiritual growth of the players involved in, as well as the public witness of, the CFL-MI.
Yes _____ No _____

I, _____ on this date, _____ acknowledge reading this Statement of Faith and will wholeheartedly and joyfully abide by the truth contained in this statement. I also agree with the Statement of Philosophy and will wholeheartedly and joyfully abide by this philosophy.

Signature _____

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