

Coach Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the Bentonville Youth Athletics that its members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and positive manner when representing the club at games, tournaments, practices, and other related activities. No member of the club shall act in a way that brings discredit Bentonville Youth Athletics. Bentonville Youth Athletics members are defined as players, coaches, trainers, parents, guardians, and other supporters.

As a Coach of a Bentonville Youth Athletics Team:

- I understand my paramount concern is the development, welfare, enjoyment, and safety of my players.
- I will lead my team with enthusiasm and positive leadership.
- I will master the rules of the game and will teach them to my players. I will not seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.
- I will teach my players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the rules of the game and demonstrating the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- I will be respectful of the referees and will be a model of sportsmanship and self-control for my team.
- I will promote and follow the rules and policies of Bentonville Youth Athletics.
- Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. I will model such respect for opponents and expect my players to do likewise. I will meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone before and after the contest.
- I will refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of other, whether verbal, physical, or emotional, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.
- I will not use, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs at a game or practice.
- I will not possess a weapon or firearm at a game or practice.
- I will accept the results of every game and encourage players to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into a victory by learning and working to improve.
- I will avoid meeting or communicating with parents within 24 hours games to allow time for all parties to cool off from any conflicts.

As a coach of a Bentonville Youth Athletics team, I will strive to be a role model of good sportsmanship and expect my team to do the same. I will abide by the Bentonville Youth Athletics code of conduct and will support parents, coaches, officials, and the Bentonville Youth Athletics Board of Directors in their enforcement of the conduct policy. I will abide by the rules of the facility or organization that we may compete in. I understand that non-conformance of this code of conduct may result in my removal as a coach within the Bentonville Youth Athletics.

Coach's Signature & Date