



## Coaches Code of Conduct

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- Right to have fun in sports.
- Right to participate in sports.
- Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
- Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- Right to be treated with dignity.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given next:

- I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, league official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
- I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching, and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport.
- I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
- I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and their parents.
- I will uphold the authority of league officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
- I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- I will cooperate with the administration of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations.
- I will refrain from and will not tolerate any form of abuse of children, be it physical, emotional, ethical or sexual and will immediately report any such abuse to the proper authorities.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of the use of profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will ensure that the players and spectators follow all building rules and regulations.
- I will ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites.
- I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
- I will instruct assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and timekeepers in the responsibilities in accordance with the rules and procedures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Boys or Girls: \_\_\_\_\_