



PVAA Coaches Code of Conduct

As a coach within the Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Athletic Association, I pledge to adhere to the following National Youth Sports Coaching Alliance (NYSCA) Coaches Code Of Ethics, and the by-laws and rules of the Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Athletic Association, and the rule and league associations affiliated with the sport to which I am volunteering:

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will complete all the necessary coaching certification training that is required of me by the Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Athletic Association, the State of Florida, the PVAA sport I am volunteering for, and the organizations or leagues to which the PVAA sport is associated with.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their possession and/or use at all sports events. Not only will I personally avoid using alcoholic beverages before or during games, but I will assist in instructing others that this is against the rules of the Ponte Vedra Athletic Association and the St Johns County Parks and Recreation Department.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport I coach and will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will be responsible for controlling the behavior and/or maintaining parent/crowd control to ensure an orderly and peaceful game. This includes refraining from the use of profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language and gestures at all times to all persons, on the field. This will apply to myself, my coaching staff, my players, and the parents attending the game to support my team.

I further acknowledge and fully understand that coaching in a PVAA Sport is a privilege granted to me based on my adherence to the principles and tenets of the Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Athletic Association and the PVAA sport I am volunteering for. I also understand a violation of any of the above codes is grounds for my immediate removal as a coach in PVAA sport I am volunteering for, and will result in my immediate suspension of volunteering in all PVAA Sports for a minimum of one year for the first suspension by the PVAA Board of Directors. This removal will be absolute, and non-disputable by myself, parents, coaches, players, and/or others.

Coach's Signature

Date