



## Athletic Program Pledge ~ Coach

-Every Coach & Director will be required to read and sign this pledge ~

Coaching in a P.L.A.Y. Sports program is a privilege that should elicit great pride in the coach, their athletes and family. It is also a responsibility that demands extra commitment once you decide to wear the P.L.A.Y. colors and represent leadership to the young players, other coaches, school and community. Standards of behavior are high and a willingness to live up to them is part of being the leader of a team.

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

### “PLAYERS RIGHTS”

1. Right to participate in sports.
2. Right to play at a level determined to match my maturity and ability.
3. Right to have a good role model as a coach.
4. Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
5. Right to express my opinion in a proper manner to my coaches.
6. Right to play in safe and healthy environments.
7. Right to be properly prepared to play in games.
8. Right to equal opportunities to develop my skills.
9. Right to be treated fairly and with respect.
10. Right to have fun in sports.

### “COACHES PLEDGE”

I will promise to conduct myself in accordance to the following Code of Conduct at all times understanding that there will be consequences if abused.

1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, parent and official with respect and dignity.
2. I will do my best to be prepared for all practices and games and teach the fundamental skills, so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skills through active participation.
3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
4. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial contest.
5. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
6. I will cooperate with the Directors and Administrators of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
7. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all of the activities under my responsibilities are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults.
8. I will not use profanity.
9. I will not indulge in the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs while attending P.L.A.Y. events.

### “Basic Responsibility”

“I and my team, will represent Prior Lake Athletics with my personal best efforts, never bringing embarrassment or an unfavorable view to my team, coaches, family, P.L.A.Y. or community.”

### Penalty

Abuse brings restrictions. A penalty may vary from a minimum of one event suspension from coaching the athletic team to permanent restriction for that season and the following sport season.

\_\_\_\_\_ \* I HAVE SIGNED THIS COACH AGREEMENT AND HAVING RETURNED IT TO THE SPORT DIRECTOR TO INDICATE THAT I UNDERSTAND THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

### P.L.A.Y. Sportsmanship Code:

I will do my best to remember that youth sports are to be fun and to enjoy competition, and that winning and losing is part of everyone’s experience, respecting both the opponents and my team’s efforts.