

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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Coach's Code of Conduct

Recognizing that coaches are role models for not only their team members but all participants involved in the league, and that youth sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship, I agree to abide by the following:

- ❖ 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 differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- ❖ I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- ❖ I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of 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, alcohol, and abusive language and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- ❖ I will be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team and provide copies of the league rules and regulations to all parents and players.
- ❖ I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- ❖ I will encourage my team members to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
- ❖ I understand that as coach, I am responsible for not only my own behavior but also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans at league games.

I understand that (upon review) the Sports Division Staff can, and will if necessary, suspend my coaching privilege should I behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.

Coach's Signature

Date

Printed Name

Team Name
