

# SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS

## COACHES

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all children participating in youth sports by following this Coaches' Code of Ethics:**

*I will encourage good sportsmanship from players, fellow coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.*

*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 will check players equipment and fields.*

*I will never argue with or complain about a referee's calls or decision.*

*I will do my best to organize practices that are FUN and challenging for all of my players.*

*I will teach my players the Laws of the Game.*

*I will remember that in recreational sports everyone plays as much as is possible.*

*I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the players.*

*I will keep myself informed of sound principles of coaching and child development being aware that there is always more to learn.*

## PARENTS

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for all children participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:**

*I will encourage good sportsmanship from players, coaches, officials and other parents at every game and practice by exhibiting positive support for everyone involved.*

*I will not place a burden on my child to win games. The purpose of youth sports is to develop physical, mental and social skills.*

*I will never argue with or complain about a referee's calls or decision.*

*I will support efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.*

*I will refrain from being a sideline coach or referee. I will attend games to provide positive support for all players on all teams.*

*I will support efforts to provide an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco & alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.*

*I will remember that the game is for the players and not for the parents.*

*I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.*

*I will ask my child to treat ALL players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.*

## PLAYERS

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for everyone involved in youth sports by following this Players' Code of Ethics:**

*I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.*

*I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have FUN not just to please my parents or coach.*

*I will be on time for every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach in advance if I cannot.*

*I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.*

*I will try to do my best at every practice & game, working hard to improve my skills and to help my team.*

*I will never argue with or complain about a referee's calls or decision.*

*I will control my temper and resist the temptation to retaliate if I feel I've been wronged.*

*I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.*

*I will do my very best in school.*

*I will play be the Laws of the Game.*

Complete the following, cut off & return this section to your coach. Keep the upper portion and review throughout the season.

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Parent/Guardian:

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