

Coaches Code of Conduct

Athletes first, winning Second.



I understand that in my position as a coach, I must act in accordance with the following code:

- **RESPECT** – treat all athletes, opposing coaches, league officials, parents and administrators with respect at all times and require the same of athletes.
- **RESPECT OFFICIALS** – treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.
- **CLASS** – be a good sport, teach and model class, be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; encourage athletes to give fallen opponents a hand, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- **TAUNTING** – don't engage in or allow trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport athletic event.
- **RESPECT PARENTS** – treat parents of athletes with respect; be clear about your expectations, goals and policies and maintain open lines of communications.
- **PROFANITY** – don't engage in or permit profanity or obscene gestures during practices, sporting events, or any other situations where the behavior could reflect badly on the sports program.
- **POSITIVE COACHING** – using positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable, increase self-esteem and foster a love and appreciation for the sport. Refrain from physical and psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, and conduct that is demeaning to athletes or others.
- **EFFORT AND TEAMWORK** – encourage athletes to pursue victory with honor, to think and play as a team, to do their best and continually improve through personal effort and discipline. Discourage selfishness and put less emphasis on the final outcome of the contest, than upon effort, improvement, teamwork, and winning with character.
- **SELF CONTROL** – control my ego and emotions; avoid displays of anger and frustrations; don't retaliate.

I have read and understand the requirements of the Coaches Code of Conduct. I will act in accord with this code. **I understand that if I violate this agreement I may be asked to be relieved of my duties as coach.**

Print Name

Signature

Date

The bottom line in youth sports should not be based on pressure to win. Instead, it should be on the enjoyment of competing and the opportunity to develop positive attitudes towards other people. – Lute Olson, University of Arizona Basketball Coach