

Coaches' Code of Ethics

I pledge to 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 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 of my players.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport that I coach, and will teach these rules to the players.

I will remember negative comments and behavior leaves negative impressions on the players not only on my team, but the other teams also.

I will remember that negative impressions cause players not to want to continue to play sports in the future.

I will remember that referees are human and make mistakes, and I will teach my players to respect them and everyone else involved in the program, and lead by example.

I will remember that winning and the score are not important, that the important part of the program is that the children learn and have fun.

I will give all players a fair and equal amount of playing time regardless of skill level or ability.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not the adults.