

## Code of Conduct

### Coaches and Managers

**I BELIEVE THAT EACH PLAYER IS UNIQUE, VALUED AND RESPECTED; THAT EACH PLAYER HAS THE RIGHT TO RESPECT, CONSIDERATION AND DIGNITY, AND HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE SAME TO OTHERS.**

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 promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.

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

***I will lead by example*** in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

We respect, trust, and are proud of our players. We value fair play, recognition, integrity, the have the highest respect for each other and his or her performance.

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

***I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that THE GAME IS FOR THE CHILDREN AND NOT THE ADULTS.***

### Parents and Adults

***I PLEDGE to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by practicing the following principles:***

**I BELIEVE THAT EACH PLAYER IS UNIQUE, VALUED AND RESPECTED; THAT EACH PLAYER HAS THE RIGHT TO RESPECT, consideration AND DIGNITY, AND HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE SAME to OTHERS. I WILL ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS AT EVERY GAME, PRACTICE AND OTHER YOUTH SPORTS EVENT AND ASK MY CHILD TO DO THE SAME.**

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist on a safe playing situation for my child.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all the kids.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship for my child. I will value fair play, recognition, integrity, and I will have the highest respect for coaches and officials.

I will demand a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I WILL REMEMBER THAT THE GAME IS FOR THE CHILDREN - NOT ADULTS.

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

**Parents on the sidelines have a Major Effect on their child's play. Please be sure that the effect is positive.**

These tips come from long years of experience with youth sports.

**First rule.** Allow your child to be a child and enjoy the game.

**Second Rule,** Cheer!

**Third Rule.** The fun lies in being able to play.

**Fourth Rule.** Encourage development over winning.

**Fifth Rule. Support** the entire team, not just your child. Cheer the good play of all the players.

**Sixth Rule.** Practice good sportsmanship. Players learn by example and parents set the most powerful example.

**Seventh Rule.** Let the players play and the coaches coach. Don't instruct your child during the game. You will only confuse the player.

**Eight Rule.** Let the umpires umpire. Yelling at the umpires does not accomplish anything positive. Consistent yelling may result in the umpire asking you to leave the field.

**Ninth Rule.** Be supportive of the coach. The coach has to deal with a lot of details that are necessary to allow your child to play. Pitch in without being asked.

**Tenth Rule.** Learn the rules. Keep all your comments to your child positive - no matter what the score or how well your child played.