



COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS AND GUIDELINES

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INITIAL NEXT TO EACH ITEM BELOW:

General Coaching Principles

_____ I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.

_____ I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

_____ I will do my very best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.

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

_____ I will read by example in demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship to all my players and will treat game officials with respect and dignity.

_____ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules that I will teach these rules to my players and be prepared for practices and games.

_____ 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, not the adults.

_____ I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of tobacco, alcohol or drugs. The aforementioned items will not be permitted on the playing field or at practices.

_____ I will treat each player with dignity and respect.

_____ I will ensure dugouts, gyms and team areas are clear of equipment and clean of trash/debris at the end of practices and games.

_____ I will ensure equipment provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation and facilities are not abused.

_____ I will actively use my influence to enhance sportsmanship for players and spectators.

_____ I will meet and exchange friendly greetings with the coaches of the opposing teams to encourage good sportsmanship and set the correct tone for players and spectators.

_____ Neither I nor players on my team will use profanity or engage in verbal abuse during games and/or practices.

_____ I will be aware and have a comprehensive understanding of the rules and regulations in which the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation programs operate.

_____ I will make my best effort to ensure that my team practices twice weekly prior to the season starting and will have at least one practice per week once games begin.

_____ I will choose up to two assistance and a scorekeeper, who can be one of the two assistants or an individual outside of the playing field.

_____ I will make every effort to control scores when there is an imbalance of competition levels between teams.

_____ I acknowledge the head coach is responsible and will be held accountable for the actions of the team's assistant coaches, players and spectators.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action enacted by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation. The department reserves the right to take appropriate action to rectify any instance where player, coach, parent, spectator or team behavior is deemed detrimental to the program.

In the event a coach is ejected from a game, the coach will be responsible to complete a return to coaching online course. This course must be completed prior to the next scheduled contest in order to participate in the event.

This document will be kept on file by the St. Charles Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

By signing the below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the Coach's Code of Ethics and that you will adhere to each item as stated above.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

BOOSTER CLUB: _____

AGE GROUP: _____

DATE: _____