



“PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR”
Character & Ethics Code of Conduct

“Coach”

Sports and recreational play is a big part in the lives of many children in our communities. A positive athletic experience has the potential to promote the quality of life by placing emphasis on ethics and character building. Many competitive and recreational athletic programs in our surrounding communities pledge to support and implement principles founded on the premise that “sports can and should enhance the character and uplift the ethics of the nation”. We must all work together to achieve these crucial goals to maintain integrity of youth, sports and the community as a whole.

As a coach in this program, I hereby pledge to live up to my certification in the “Pursuing Victory with Honor” campaign code of ethics:

- **I will coach with emotional constraint and strive not to receive any technical fouls during the season or use foul language.**
- **I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- **I will coach with respect toward referees, understanding that they are part of the game, not an adversary.**
- **I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play, integrity and sportsmanship to all my players, especially during lopsided victories or defeats.**
- **I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and profanity and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.**
- **I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.**
- **I will consent to a background check and have my assistant coach and parent helpers also receive a background check.**
- **I will promote good sportsmanship and foster the development of good character in my players to help them become more socially responsible.**
- **I will coach my players with minimal yelling, and will offer constructive and positive affirmation only.**
- **I WILL REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH SPORTS COACH, AND THAT THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN AND NOT ADULTS.**

Signature of Coach: _____ **Date:** _____

Print your name: _____

Division (circle one): Girls / Boys / Co-ed