



LEDYARD PARKS AND RECREATION

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Code of Ethics for Coaches

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with expectations set forth by the Ledyard Parks and Recreation Department and the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA).

Youth coaches are the “face” of the league and the town to parents, officials, schools, and the community at large. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field/court. A coach’s primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and athletes, and to instill a passion for the game in our players. Thus, our coach’s performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what they teach the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

- 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 always exhibit proper and ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, officials, leagues, Parks & Rec staff, BOE staff, and parents at all games/practices. I understand that the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice 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.
- I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
- 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 be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

I _____ acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the terms of this code and will do my best to fulfill the terms of this document. I understand that not upholding the terms of this code and agreement can result in removal from my coaching position.

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____