



Anderson Township Park District

Coaches Code of Ethics

- **I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.**
 - Teach and demonstrate that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
 - Abide by and support the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
 - Use the position of a coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.
- **I will encourage positive support for all players, coaches, staff and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.**
 - Be a model of sportsmanship at all times.
 - Hold parents and players accountable for promoting a positive environment at all team activities.
- **I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.**
 - Using appropriate language and tones when interacting with players, staff, officials, parents and spectators.
 - Include all players in team activities without regard to race, religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, body type, national origin, ancestry, disability, ability or any other protected classification.
 - Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- **I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.**
 - Treat each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for his or her individual needs and well being.
 - Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team.
 - Recognize that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all youth.
 - Recognize that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturity.
- **I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.**
 - Maintain a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions.
 - Correct or avoid unsafe practice or playing conditions.
 - Protect players' well being by removing them from activity when injured and not returning them until fully healed.
 - Protect players from sexual molestation, assault, physical or emotional abuse.
- **I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.**
 - Establish practice plans that are interesting and productive, aimed at improving all players' skills and abilities.
 - Devote appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
 - Conduct practices of reasonable length and intensity appropriate for the age and condition of the players.
- **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.**
 - Be alcohol and drug free at all team activities and in the presence of players.
 - Refrain from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities and in the presence of your players.
 - Refrain from providing any type of alcohol, drug or tobacco products to any of your players.
 - Encourage parents to refrain from public use of tobacco products or alcohol at team activities.
- **I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.**
 - Teach techniques that reduce the risk of injury to both the coach's own players and their opponents.
 - Discourage illegal contact or intentional dangerous play and administer swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.
- **I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.**
 - Exercise your authority/influence to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.
 - Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
 - Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
 - Place the emphasis on fun and participation.

This code of ethics will serve as probationary contract during the basketball/volleyball season. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above statements will result in my termination as volunteer coach.

Print Coaches Full Name

Sport and Grade/Age Level

Coaches Signature

Date