

Coaches Code of Conduct

With Almighty God as my witness, I hereby pledge to abide by the following Contract/Covenant:

- ❖ I will remember that I am a role model as a Christian and a good citizen for my participants, and as such I will always conduct myself in a mature manner, exercise good sportsmanship and always play by the rules in spirit and in word.
- ❖ I will foster an environment where all children will be given the ability to play and develop skills. I will do all in my power to discourage a “win at all costs” attitude.
- ❖ I will treat each participant as an individual, remembering the potential difference in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- ❖ I will strive to remove all avoidable perils of competition by the application of intelligent and thoughtful cooperation with other coaches, officials, participants and spectators.
- ❖ I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my participants.
- ❖ I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my participants.
- ❖ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each activity I coach, and I will teach these rules to my participants.
- ❖ I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills I teach.
- ❖ I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the activity is for the children and not adults.
- ❖ I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries to my participants.
- ❖ I will not question any official’s decision. I will direct all my concerns to the District Commissioner.
- ❖ I will refrain from using profane, obscene or vulgar language at all times.
- ❖ I will not foster nor tolerate my participants using unnecessary and unChristian tactics against opposing participants **or own teammates**. I will uphold the spirit of Christian sportsmanship. I will not look for loopholes in rules and ways to exploit such in word, deed or omission.
- ❖ I will reinforce and encourage a Christian environment and experience not only by my conduct, but by instructing parents and spectators about proper conduct when needed, and to support all official actions against disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior.
- ❖ I will use the activity for the welfare and character building of all participants, not for my own personal gain or satisfaction.
- ❖ I will not be guilty of personal verbal abuse or physical attack upon any participant, opposing coach, official or spectator for any real or imagined wrong decision or judgment.
- ❖ I will keep my personal opinions of any participant, coach, official or spectator out of public discussion during the activity. In an attempt to maintain and foster a Christian environment after said game. I will refrain from said comments immediately after the game. I understand that I am free to express my personal comments, opinions etc. at appropriate times and places.
- ❖ I will not be guilty of gestures indicating objection to decisions by officials or coaches such as throwing equipment or any other forceful action. Furthermore, I will not tolerate said behavior among my participants, assistant coaches and fans.
- ❖ I will respect the property of another team and the facility being used for the activity.

Violation of the Code may result in a minimum penalty of removal from a game or a maximum penalty of an indefinite suspension from all Diocesan CYO Programs. Suspension from any program within the Diocese will also result in simultaneous suspension from all Diocesan Youth Programs. A temporary suspension may be imposed upon a coach for egregious violations while the matter is justly investigated. Violations are subject to review OYYAM.

Coach’s Printed Name and Signature

Date