

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

A new law in New Jersey allows municipalities to establish sportsmanship and fair play codes of conduct for players, parents, and coaches. The Washington Borough Recreation Department has established the following code for coaches.

I will show respect and good sportsmanship to all players, opposing players, coaches, referees and spectators. I will remind my players not to be angry and critical towards other players, coaches, referees or spectators and to show respect and good sportsmanship at all times. I understand that referees, players, and coaches try to do their best, but that they make mistakes just like I do.

I will follow the decisions of referees without criticizing them. I will not yell at, argue, spit, touch, shove, strike, kick, or threaten any coach, player, referee or spectator before, during, or after any game or practice. I will not strike or throw any object or take any other act of aggression towards anyone if I am upset at a coach, player, referee or spectator. I will not try to deliberately hurt another person, or deliberately behave poorly, at any practice or game. I will not use foul language or make abusive remarks or gestures to players, coaches, referees, and spectators at games and practices.

I will not use any tobacco or alcohol, or have in my possession any illegal drugs, knives, firearms or other weapons, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, during any game or practice. I will not smoke or use any tobacco products at any game or practice. I have no knowledge that any player on my team is using dietary supplements or nonprescription steroids that could jeopardize his or her health.

I will tell the parents and players on my team about the team, club or league policy on playing time. I recognize that if players don't play much, they won't gain confidence which helps them improve. I recognize that every child needs playing time and do not expect my child or other players on the team to play every minute of every game.

If the play on the field indicates my team is clearly superior to the opposing team, I will take all necessary and reasonable means to hold down the score.

I affirm that I am a member in good standing with the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and will remain so throughout the season.

I understand that I can be immediately removed from a practice or game if I behave improperly or fail to follow any part of this pledge. I understand that failure to sign this document will automatically preclude me from participating in sporting activities sponsored by the Washington Borough Recreation Department.

Coaches' name

Signature

Date

Team

Sport/Division
