

POWDERSVILLE LEAGUE OF ATHLETIC YOUTH*

COACHES CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT:

The primary goal of coaches should be the development of boys and girls to become better citizens. The players must be taught sportsmanship and fair play, and these teachings should always govern their behavior while at practice and at games. Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of all players, members of the coaching staff and spectators. This includes the time periods before, during and after league games and other events. Improper conduct, in the judgment of the game officials, on the part of the players, coaches or spectators may result in penalties, expulsion and suspension or forfeiture of the game.

I hereby pledge, as demonstrated by my signature below, to live up to the following coaching code of ethics and conduct:

- The coach will not criticize players in front of spectators.
- The coach will accept the decisions of officials.
- The coach will not criticize the officials, the opposing team, the coaches, fans or parents through language or gesture.
- The coach will emphasize that good athletes are good students, and both are physically and mentally alert.
- The coach will strive to make every sport related activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
- The coach will emphasize that winning a game is the result of teamwork. The coach will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- The coach shall not use abusive or profane language in front of anyone connected with the game. The coach will set an example in personal conduct at all times.
- The coach will refrain from “running up” the score against an opponent. This includes keeping in the first defense at all times.
- The coach shall not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. The coach 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.
- The coach will treat each player, opposing coach, parent and commissioner with respect and dignity.
- The coach will learn the strengths and weakness of his/her players in order to place them into situations where each has a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- The coach will protect the health and safety of his/her players by insisting that all of the activities under his/her control be conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults. The coach will review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of his or her players.
- The coach will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group. The coach will do their best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- The coach will do their best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- The coach will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
- The coach will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players. The coach will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
- The coach will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that he or she teaches.
- **I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.**

Coach Signature

Printed Name

Date