

Code of Conduct for Coaches¹

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a recreational youth sports coach by following this code of ethics.

I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my players.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering that there can be widely different levels of physical and emotional development for children in the same age group.

I will provide a safe and healthy, drug, alcohol and tobacco free environment for my players.

I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players, using coaching techniques that are appropriate for recreational youth sports.

I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.

I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach. I will teach these rules to my players.

I will abide by the rules of the game in letter and spirit. I will demonstrate respect for the integrity and judgment of officials, even those who are less experienced.

I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Let the players play,
Let the coaches coach,
Let the officials officiate,
Let the fans cheer ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

¹ http://www.ltrc.org/GirlsSoftball/coach_conduct.html - Lutherville Timonium Recreation Council website