

YMCA YOUTH SPORTS

Coaches Pledge

I understand that my responsibilities as a coach are of great importance and I realize that my actions may have the potential to significantly influence others who participate in YMCA sports. Therefore I promise to conduct myself in accordance with the YMCA Christian Principles (love, respect, honesty, responsibility, & service) and pledge below:

1. I will always keep winning and losing in perspective and **have fun for the kids be the top priority.**
2. I will always keep an awareness of safety for all players.
3. I will promote good sportsmanship and teamwork.
4. I will always remember that **this program is for the kids.**
5. I will leave all personal issues and problems “at the door” prior to my games and practices.
6. After every game, my team will line up to shake hands or “high five” hands with the opposing players.
7. I will treat the opposing coach and team with dignity and respect.
8. I will address any concerns in a calm and appropriate manner.
9. I will always treat YMCA staff, all players, coaches and all parents with dignity and respect.
10. To the best of my ability, I will give equal playing time to all of my players.
11. I will teach fair play and sportsmanship.
12. There will be no negative or derogatory comments allowed before, during or after a game, directed either at players, parents or coaches.
13. There will be no swearing or profanity allowed.
14. I will create an environment which will nurture the development of self-respect and self-esteem.
15. I will abide to and coach my team according to YMCA rules and policies.
16. I will never come onto the court or playing field during the game to argue or question the referee.
17. I will never confront or criticize a referee before, during or after the game in a negative manner. I will teach respect for officials and set a positive example
18. I will never touch a referee, even if it’s a hand on a referee’s shoulder. Touching a referee is grounds for immediate dismissal from the league.
19. There is no food or drink allowed in the gyms. This includes coaches, players and spectators. I will have after-game snacks outside of the gym in an approved area.
20. After the practices and games, I will check over the court or playing field for left behind clothes, shoes or other belongings. Anything left behind that doesn’t belong to the team or parents, stays at the location. The YMCA is not responsible for personal belongings of coaches, players or spectators.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.