



# St. John Parish Parks and Recreation

## COACHES CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

### Coaches' Code of Ethics (Please Initial Each Item):

\_\_\_ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal motives.

\_\_\_ I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

\_\_\_ I will do my very best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.

\_\_\_ I will do my best to organize practices that are both fun and challenging for all my players.

\_\_\_ I will lead by example in demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship to all my players, and treat game officials with respect and dignity.

\_\_\_ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules. I will teach these rules to my players and be prepared for practices and games.

\_\_\_ I will use proper coaching techniques to develop and improve the skills set of the players.

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

\_\_\_ I will provide players with an environment that is free of tobacco, alcohol and drugs; they will not be allowed on the playing field or at practices.

### Player Relations:

\_\_\_ Coaches should treat each player with dignity and respect.

\_\_\_ Coaches should ensure that dugouts, gyms and team areas are clear of equipment and trash at the end of practices and games.

\_\_\_ Coaches should ensure that the equipment and facilities are not abused.

### Coaches' Guidelines:

\_\_\_ Coaches shall promote good sportsmanship between their players and spectators.

\_\_\_ Prior to, as well as after games, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for their players and spectators.

\_\_\_ Coaches or players will not display profanity or verbal abuse during games or practices.

\_\_\_ Coaches should ensure they are aware of the rules and regulations in which the St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Parks and Recreation programs operate.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is encouraged that each team practice at least twice per week.

\_\_\_\_\_ Head Coaches will choose up to two (2) assistant coaches and a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper may be one of the two assistants or an individual outside of the playing field.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coaches should make every effort to control scores when there is an imbalance of teams' competitive level.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Head Coach is responsible and accountable for the actions of their assistant coaches, their players and their spectators.

**NOTE:** Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action decided by the St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

**NOTE:** The St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Parks and Recreation Director shall reserve the right to take appropriate action to rectify any situation, which is deemed detrimental to the program, by the involvement of any player, coach, team, parent, or spectator.

**NOTE:** This document will be kept on file by the St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Parks and Recreation.

### **Please Check Below and Sign.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Coaches Code of Ethics, Guidelines, and Player Relations Document.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will adhere to each item as it is stated in the policies and procedures.

AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_