



YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.

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. 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.
20. I will conduct myself in accordance with the YMCA mission and Christian principles at all times. I will not represent myself as an agent of the YMCA beyond the scope of my volunteer duties or after termination of my volunteer status with the YMCA. I will comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations in the course of my volunteer work at the YMCA.

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In addition to the above pledge, I acknowledge the YMCA Code of Conduct for staff and Volunteers who work with Children (separate document). In order to protect myself as a YMCA volunteer and program participants, I understand that reference and background checks will be conducted, documented and filed on all volunteers who work with children.

The following points from the Code of Conduct for Staff & Volunteers who work with Children are emphasized and followed by me.

- *At no time during a YMCA program may a volunteer staff or staff person be alone with a single child (except their own) where they cannot be observed by others, they should space themselves in a way that other staff members can see them. (reference #1)*
- *Volunteers & staff shall never leave a child unattended. (reference #2)*
- *Volunteers & staff may not date program participants under the age of 18 years of age. (reference #20)*
- *Volunteers & Staff are to read and sign all policies related to identifying, documenting and reporting child abuse and to attend orientation training for coaches, which includes information on appropriate behavior to prevent accusations of child abuse. (reference #22)*
- *Volunteers & staff are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the YMCA mission and Christian principles at all times.*

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Program: _____



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