



TERREBONNE PARISH RECREATION

COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS AND GUIDELINES

All-Star coaches must adhere to the *Coaches' Code of Ethics and Guidelines*. Please initial each item to indicate that you have read, understand, and will adhere to this policy.

Coaches' Code of Ethics

- _____ 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 and consider the large range of emotional and physical development within 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 fun and challenging for all my players.
- _____ I will lead by example to demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all my players, and I will treat game officials with respect and dignity.
- _____ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules, and I will teach these rules to my players in preparation for practices and games.
- _____ I will use coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- _____ I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- _____ I will provide a sports environment for my team 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 should actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship for their players and spectators.
- _____ Before and 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 engage in profanity or verbal abuse during games or practices.
- _____ Coaches should ensure they are aware of the rules and regulations in which the Terrebonne Parish Recreation programs operate.
- _____ Coaches are encouraged to ensure that each team practices twice per week.
- _____ Head coaches may choose up to two assistant coaches.
- _____ Coaches should make every effort to control scores when there is an imbalance of teams' competitive level.
- _____ Head coaches are responsible and accountable for the actions of their assistant coaches and players.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action deemed necessary by the Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department.

The Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department's staff and/or the Recreation director reserves the right to take appropriate action to rectify any situation that is deemed detrimental to the program involving any player, coach, team, parent, or spectator.

This document will be kept on file by the Terrebonne Parish Recreation Department.

Initial Each Item

_____ I have read and understand the *Coaches' Code of Ethics and Guidelines*.

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

Fill in the Information and Sign

AGE GROUP: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____