

Lafayette Recreation Department

Coaches' Code of Ethics

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

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

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation 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 in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

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

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Provide equal opportunity for all

Teach fundamental skills

Promote teamwork

Provide physical and mental challenges

Enjoyment and desire to play the game

Show commitment and responsibility

Provide positive role models

- Equal opportunity does not translate into equal playing time as many factors are considered
- Dedication and hard work get rewarded more than skill level.
- A successful team is one in which every member improves as a player and a person.
- Winning is important, however, it is not the most important part of success; it is only part of the journey.

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