

**Oradell Recreation Committee  
Guidelines for Youth Athletic Programs**

**Code of Conduct for Coaches**

**Preamble**

*My role as a coach puts me in unique position to influence the behavior and attitude of my players. I am a role model to my players and take seriously my role of helping to promote character building and ethics in sports.*

**I therefore agree:**

1. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development age group.
3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
4. I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
6. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to **all** my players.
7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
8. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
9. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
10. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
11. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
12. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

15. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Written warning from the league with a copy to the Recreation Committee
- Game Forfeiture
- Game suspension
- Season suspension
- Loss of future coaching privileges

**Coach Signature:**

**Date:**

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