

City of DeBary Parks and Recreation
Code of Conduct/Youth Sports Manual Acknowledgement
PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

- I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes I coach.
- I understand that many children participate in youth sports for numerous different reasons, and that the number one reason is to have fun!
- I understand that as a youth coach I am obligated to honor the game rules, opponents, officials, teammates and self, and to teach players to do the same

Therefore, by participating as a youth sports volunteer, I will adhere to the following Codes.

A. I will create an appropriate environment for our children that:

1. Focuses on safety, fun, skill development, and education.
2. Has a positive lasting impact on the children of our community.
3. Promotes building character and learning life skills.
4. De-emphasizes a win at all cost attitude.
5. Is fair, consistent, and best meets the emotional and physical needs of all children.
6. Builds a culture where winning is not defined by outcome of competition, but by the individual needs of all the children.

B. I will act responsibly and do my best to assure that:

1. I provide equal playing time for every child, and assure fair and consistent position rotation.
2. I properly educate players the importance of teamwork, effort, having fun, and playing fair while properly instructing age appropriate fundamentals and skills.
3. I provide players with the best education, instruction and organization possible by attending required meetings, clinics and certifications.
4. I am familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program. I strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents.
5. I cooperate with the administrator of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report irregularities that violate sound and competitive practices.
6. I provide a healthy and safe environment for my players, which are in accordance with my leagues safety procedures. I will provide safe instruction and use of playing equipment.

C. I will display appropriate behavior. I understand that violations of the following codes will jeopardize my privilege to coach or participate in youth sports.

1. I will treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent or administrator with respect and dignity, and refrain from using profanity, intimidation tactics and inappropriate language.
2. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contest.
3. I will display appropriate behavior towards, and in the presence of, children.

D. Terminal behavior. I understand that violation of the following codes will result in immediate termination of my privilege to coach or participate in youth sports.

1. I will never coach under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
2. I will never initiate or participate in any form of verbal or physical assault on any staff, volunteer, parent or child.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct and excessive arguing with the officials or site supervisor before, during, or after a match is a major offense and can result in ejection from the match without warning. If a player or a parent is ejected they will be asked to leave the park.

Youth Sports Manual Acknowledgement: By signing this code of conduct on behalf of myself and my child, I understand and agree to abide by the Youth Sports Manual Policies, program rules, procedures and code of conduct. I understand the violation of these rules by me or my child could result in suspension or expulsion from the program.

The City of DeBary reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action involving any coach in violation of the code of conduct. With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contact, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made here in.

Coach Name (Print)

Coach Name (Signature)

Date