

Eastern Lehigh Valley Coaches Code of Conducts

Coaches Code of Conduct & Participation Agreement:

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good sportsmanship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when completion reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

- Always remember that kids participate for pleasure, enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never use negative ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be considerate and reasonable in your demands on kids time, energy and enthusiasm. Kids sports is only one part of their busy lives.
- Always operate within the code of conduct, rules and fair spirit of your sport and instruct the kids to do the same.
- Always ensure that the time kids spend with you as coach is a positive experience. All kids are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Try to avoid overplaying the talented more skillful kids.
- Ensure that sporting equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and other spectators. Encourage players to do the same, be a great role model.
- Always show concern toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a trained medical trainer when determining whether an injured child is ready to recommence training and competition.
- Where appropriate obtain qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the latest principles of growth and development of children.
- Any physical contact with a child should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or medical care.
- Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 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 promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of 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 not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
- 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 all 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.

Parental season suspension to all practices and games

I hereby agree to abide by this Parent Code of Conduct and agree to have my child participate in this sport throughout the entire season unless he or she is physically unable to do so. Additionally, my child will not participate with any other league associated team unless I have received the written release of the team head coach, the organization commissioner and the organizations executive board of directors.