



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Expected behavior for all coaches:

Coaches will place the emotional and physical well being of their players ahead of a personal desire to win.

For coaches, the primary responsibility is to have fun, teach the players sportsmanship and the fundamental skills of sport. Teaching the skills of sport can encompass many difficult drills, but the Dryden Youth Sport program insists that all drills be conducted with the players in mind. Sportsmanship is taught through example and behavior. Through practice and games, the participants can enjoy the game, and strive to do well. Playing the game to the best of ones ability should be the primary goal of the players, and to provide an enjoyable atmosphere should be the primary goal of the adults involved.

Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.

I understand that public criticism of officials, players, spectators, and administrators will not be tolerated.

All players shall receive playing time according to the equal participation rules established by Dryden Youth Sports and the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Encourage players to enjoy the game and provide equal opportunities to learn the game regardless of skill level, race, religion, color, sex, body type, disability or ability.

Coaches must lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players. Abide by and support the rules of the sport in general and in specific the rules adopted by Dryden Youth Sport Program.

Be gracious in victory and defeat. Maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude toward all players and coaches in the program. Never forget that you are coaching someone else's children in a youth program. Always emphasize fun and participation over winning and losing.

Provide an environment for your team that is free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Provide a safe playing environment for your players at all times. Be prepared to deal with minor injuries that occur during normal practice and game situations. Demonstrate concern for the health and well being of your players. Notify the parents of any players who are injured no matter how minor the injury.

Be prepared! You and your players should show up early for games and practices. Have a practice plan and execute it. Make practices fun and educational with equal emphasis on conditioning and skills.

If you have questions or need assistance in running practices, teaching skills or rules of the game ask your commissioner for assistance.

Amendments to the 2009-2010 coach code of conduct

1. Coaches will not use negative directives such as “shut up” to maintain an orderly practice atmosphere.
2. Coaches will refrain from the use of any language that is offensive, profane, or disrespectful.
3. Coaches will maintain composure and maintain a positive manner throughout practices and games.
4. Coaches will maintain a direct line of communication with parents and The Town Of Dryden Recreation Department regarding any instances of injury or other possible concerns of inappropriate behaviors of coaches, players and parents.
5. The Coaches will be accountable to and follow the administrative directives of the Town of Dryden Recreation Department.
6. Town of Dryden Recreation Department apparel is to be worn during all games and or tournaments.

The Town of Dryden Recreation Department will investigate incidences of poor behavior or neglect of duties demonstrated by coaches. Disciplinary measures will be taken if necessary and may include expulsion from the program.

Youth Sport Coach: _____ Date: _____

Youth Sports Coordinator: _____ Date: _____