

D6YAA – District 6 Youth Athletic Association

Coach's Code of Ethics

As a D6YAA youth sports Coach, I will:

- Consider it an honor and a privilege to coach the young people of our community
- Keep in mind at all time that I am a youth sports coach and that the recreational experience is for the children, not the adults.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players, increase their self-esteem and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of the sport in which they are engaged.
- Treat officials with respect and dignity, and instruct my players and their parents to do the same.
- Treat opposing coaches and opposing players with respect and dignity and encourage my players and my player's parents to do the same.
- Model grace, dignity and composure regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Observe all player participation rules and strive to make each player feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the team regardless of any physical or developmental limitations he/she may have.
- Teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players and model these principles for them at all times.
- Strive to learn the rules of the game and teach those rules to my players and their parents as best I can.
- Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing conditions to the respective Sport Commissioner as soon as I am able.
- Refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.
- Refrain from using any illegal substances or tobacco products, or imbibing alcohol in the presence of my players or on school, county or association property.
- Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, kid-friendly environment of the D6YAA Sports Programs.
- **Agree to abide by and follow the D6YAA Coach's Code of Ethics.**