

# **Weiser Recreation Department (WRD)**

## **Coaches Code of Conduct, Policy and Responsibilities for All Youth Sports Programs**

**The following Sport Coach Code of Conduct has been compiled from the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, the Scarsdale, New York Recreation Department and other National Recreation Departments with the overall well being of our youth in mind.**

**Preamble-** 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 in good citizenship.** The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

As a Weiser Recreation Department Coach, I therefore agree:

- I will make skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, fun and learning the rules of the game the goals of my team and I will place the emotional and physical well being of **all** players ahead of **any** personal desires to win.
- I will communicate clearly with players and parents about my goals for the team and what I expect their role and behavior as parents to be and I will encourage them to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to all of us.
- I will insure that all my players and parents read, complete and sign the necessary forms required by the WRD and make all required payments for fees.
- I will strive to hold regularly scheduled organized practices throughout the season that are educational, fun and challenging for **all** my players recognizing that children learn differently.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my team and arrange for another coach to assist if I cannot.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group, remembering to be generous with my praise, emphasizing on the children's effort and not on the outcome of the game.
- I will lead by example such as; demonstrating proper sportsmanship, exercising fair play, and will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the players.
- I will be fair, honest and consistent in my coaching philosophies and practices and will do my best to listen and learn from my players as well as other coaches.
- I will review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players and do my best to provide a safe playing situation for **all** players.
- I will expect to coach in a safe, healthy and positive environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and foul or vulgar language and will restrain from all such use, controlling my

temper, conducting myself as a positive role model for all players and spectators *and* teaching and expecting the same behavior from my players, and admonish them when they aren't conducting themselves as such.

- I will expect and ask my players, assistant coaches, and parents to refrain from booing, taunting, swearing and yelling negative comments regarding **either** team, coach, or official.
- I will attend any coaching clinics offered by WRD to better enhance my skills and knowledge as a coach, and use those coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills I teach and to learn the rules of the game better and teach those rules to my players.
- I will remember that I am a **Youth Sports Coach**, and that the game is for children, not adults, and therefore my first priority will be the children.