

## Coaches Athletic Code of Ethics

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to have fun in sports.
- II. Right to participate in sports.
- III. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- IV. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- V. Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
- VI. Right of children to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation.
- VII. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- VIII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- IX. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- X. Right to be treated with dignity.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given next:

1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, league official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching, and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport.
3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
4. I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and their parents.
5. I will uphold the authority of league 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 contests.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
7. I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
8. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
9. I will cooperate with the administration of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
10. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for the psychological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults.
11. I will not tolerate any form of abuse of children, be it physical, verbal, emotional, ethical or sexual and will immediately report any such abuse to the proper authorities.
12. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
13. I will view the Saint Barnabas tape.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this pledge, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

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Print Name of Coach

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Signature of Coach

## **OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

**I hereby pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well being of coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child to engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, league official, or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child to attend or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity while attending, coaching or participating in a youth sports event.
8. I will not encourage my child to engage in the use of profanity while attending or participating in a youth sports event.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player participant, league official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.

# OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

**Youth sports team organization may ban the presence of a person at a youth sports event in accordance with the following guidelines:**

1. A coach, parent, player, participant, league official or other youth sports event attendee who violates one or more of the provisions contained in the *Athletic Code of Conduct* may be banned from attending, coaching or participating in at least one youth sports events if the person;
  - a. has been issued a prior written warning for violating one or more of the provisions contained in the *Athletic Code of Conduct*,
  - b. violates the *Athletic Code of Conduct* by engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, league official or any other attendee.
  
2. Any such person who violates the *Athletic Code of Conduct* by initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, participant, league official or any other attendee will be banned for (1) one calendar year from the time of infraction.
  
3. A coach, parent, player, participant, league in official or other youth sports event attendee may attend, coach or participate in a youth sports event from which the person has been banned pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of these Model Policies if the person;
  - a. provides a written request for permission to resume participation or attendance to the youth sports team organization which issued the ban,
  - b. provides a written apology to the youth sports team organization which issued the ban, and to the person or persons who were the subject of the behavior which constituted the violation of the Code, as directed by the youth sports team organization.
  
4.
  - a. An anger management counseling program shall, at a minimum, offer services to individuals, singly or in groups, for the purposes of promoting anger control principles and shall be administered by an individual;
    - i. licensed as a professional counselor pursuant to the provisions of the “Professional Counselor Licensing Act,” N.J.S.A. 45:8B-33 et seq., or
    - ii. licensed as a practicing psychologist pursuant to the provisions the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act.” N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 et esq.
  
  - b. Nothing contained in the policies shall prohibit a youth sports team organization from requiring a person banned pursuant to the provisions of these *Policies* to complete an anger management-counseling program specified by such board or organization.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action.**

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Name

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Signature

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Date

## **Read as part of Ordinance**

Leagues that do not participate in this program will not receive money from the township or use township facilities.

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Township Council

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Parks and Recreation