

Town of Windsor Parks and Recreation Department – Volunteer Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach, it is imperative that we strive to set a positive example for our participants, fans, and families, and to inspire our players to practice sportsmanship, self-discipline, teamwork, concentration, and kindness in every aspect of their lives. The following list is the necessary conduct of a coach, and should be adhered to by every Town of Windsor Parks and Recreation Department volunteer coach:

- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sporting related events.
- 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 within same age group.
- I will not use abusive or profane language at any time - against players, opposing coaches, spectators, or referees.
- I will do my best to provide a safe and inclusive playing situation for all players.
- I will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will never criticize opposing team members or coaches.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players, while keeping in mind that every practice and game is a training ground for life.
- I will emphasize that winning is the result of teamwork and **not** the only goal.
- I will refrain from excessive sideline coaching while respecting the boundaries of the sidelines.
- I will be knowledgeable of the rules in each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to the players.
- I will respect the decisions of the Referees and Recreation Staff and express my concerns in a professional manner.
- Together with the league, I will be responsible for the conduct of our team's fans and spectators.
- I will not recommend or distribute medication of any kind, except as recommended by a physician.
- I will remember that youth sports exist for youth, not adults.
- I will uphold all rules of Windsor Parks and Recreation Department.

*Any violation of the statements above may be subject to suspension. Violations will be taken on a case-by-case situation. *