



MIDWEST JR RAMS YOUTH SPORTS

St. Louis, MO

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501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Policy

Coaching is a privilege offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during Jr Rams Youth Sports sanctioned and affiliated associations' activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the Jr Rams Youth Sports Board of Directors.

Article I – Responsibilities to Players

1. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
2. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
3. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
4. Demands placed on players' time shall never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
5. Coaches must never encourage players to violate Jr Rams Youth Sports eligibility or players' rules or policies.
6. Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

Article II – Responsibility to Jr Rams Youth Sports and the League

1. Adherence to all Jr Rams Youth Sports and league rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility and team formation and member association rules and policies that are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the Jr Rams Youth Sports Commissioner.

Article III – Responsibilities to the Laws of the Game

1. Coaches shall be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
2. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
3. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.
4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
5. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Article IV – Responsibility to Officials

1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
2. Professional respect, before, during and after the game must be mutual. There must be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
3. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the game.
4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the Jr Rams Youth Sports Board of Directors.



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Article V – Responsibilities Regarding Scouting and Recruiting

1. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from any Youth Sports League setting, either by his coach or any other coach, manager, player parent or team representative.
2. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
3. It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.
4. Coaches shall not scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.

Article VI – Responsibility of Public Relations

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the sport to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media must be positive and constructive.
2. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, when representing their team, Jr Rams Youth Sports and the Youth Sports League.
3. Coaches must not attempt to influence the Jr Rams Youth Sports, the Youth Sports League or other clubs/leagues in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.

Article VII – Other Responsibilities and Conduct Requirements

1. The behavior of coaches must be such as to bring credit to themselves, the Jr Rams Youth Sports, the Youth Sports League and the sport itself.
2. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
3. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative.
4. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal or physical altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
5. Coaches must use their influence on spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members.
6. Coaches must be presentable at any Jr Rams Youth Sports functions. No sagging or skinny jeans; No dirty or sweat soaked clothing; no awful smells (alcohol, smoke, illegal substances, etc.); Nothing gang related.
7. Coaching uniforms must be worn at all Jr Rams Youth Sports games. Jr Rams shirts must be worn during all practices and league social events.
8. Coaches shall not smoke on the practice or playing field, or in the presence of a gathering of a team/squad.
9. Coaches shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or any illegal substance at any Jr Rams Youth Sports functions.
10. Possession or selling of any illegal substances at any Jr Rams Youth Sports functions is prohibited and will be met with swift and permanent ban from coaching and a report will be filed with authorities.
11. Coaches shall not possess any weapons at any Jr Rams Youth Sports functions.
12. Coaches shall not impose their religious beliefs on any Jr Rams Youth Sports player, coach, or parent.
13. I agree that any violations of the above may result in a verbal and/or written warning (1st offense); suspension (2nd offense); and or expulsion (3rd offense).
14. I agree that severe violations may result in immediate suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors.



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I have read the Coach Code of Conduct and Agreement and I agree to the conditions stated in this document.

Coach Name(s) (print): _____



Signature _____

Date: _____