

Safe Stars Coaches Code of Conduct

1. I agree that the purpose of my coaching in this organization is to: *Insert the department/league purpose statement here*
2. I am aware that kids are learning how to deal with life based primarily off how I treat them and the people around me. Therefore, I will never shame a player, but rather correct him or her in an uplifting way.
3. Physical ability is not the justification of a child's worth. I believe in and will affirm the inherent human worth of every player regardless of their ability to perform.
4. I know my players are often getting attacked from many places in their life that I don't often see. I will be big enough to build them up, not add to what tears them down.
5. My job is to put my players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing.
6. If I find myself in a disagreement with a parent or another coach, I will not continue that discussion during a game or practice in front of my players. Rather, I will find another time to address the issue away from the players after everyone has a chance to cool down.
7. Players are student-athletes and I am a teacher-coach. I will hold myself and fellow coaches accountable to be leaders of young men and women not only in words, but most importantly in actions. Kids know the difference.
8. I will approach parents of my players as partners in helping their child become their best self.
9. I know the difference between shaming and coaching. I will not scream, shame, swear, or use sarcasm with my players.
10. When I make a mistake (and we all do), I will be mature enough to apologize to the child/adult that I have hurt.
11. I will respect all referees, officials, timekeepers. They are imperfect and trying to do their best just like I am.
12. Regardless of our wins and losses, we will be successful when we carry out the above items.

Because I am a role model who has the power, position, and platform to make a difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to these standards, I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Coach Name

Coach Signature

Date Signed

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