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COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibility as a County of San Diego volunteer coach by following the Code of Ethics adopted from the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
 - I will comply with recommendations for cancelling play during unsafe weather conditions (ie. excessive heat, lightning, etc.).
 - I will do my part to foster a positive environment for my players by providing an environment free from bullying and harassment.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
 - I will follow league procedures for head injuries by immediately removing an athlete from an athletic activity for the remainder of the day if he/she is suspected of suffering a head injury, informing their parents/guardians of the suspected injury, and will prohibit the athlete from participating until cleared by a licensed health care provider.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- 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 youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

I hereby pledge to adhere to this Coaches Code of Ethics and fully understand if I do not uphold them I will be held accountable for my behavior, leading up to the dismissal of my volunteer position, as outlined in the accountability and enforcement policies enforced by the County of San Diego.

Coach's Name Printed

Coach's Signature

Date

