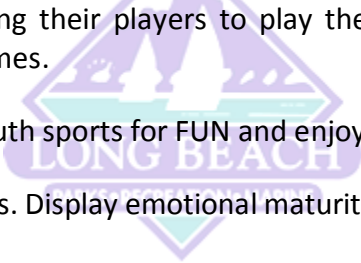


Youth Sports Coach's Code of Conduct

Sportsmanship / Perseverance / Fundamentals / Health & Wellness / Teamwork

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- Coaches are responsible for instructing their players to play the sport in a safe and manner and demonstrating sportsmanship at all times.
 - Remember, players are involved in youth sports for FUN and enjoyment.
 - Be a positive role model to your players. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
 - Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; a good coach doesn't need to yell at their players.
 - Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally, emotionally, or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self- esteem; teach players the fundamentals.
 - Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and STRATEGIES of the sport; encourage all your players to play as a team.
 - Maintain an open line of communication with your player's parents. Explain the goals and objectives of the Youth Sports Program.
 - Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress healthy habits and the how playing sports can help maintain good health.
 - Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, not the most important one. Care more about the participant than winning the game.
 - To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.
 - Keep it positive and professional with your coworkers/officials at all times. Work together to implement our successful youth sports program.

Recreation Leader: Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____