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As a volunteer for the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department, you are taking on a tremendous responsibility by coaching a youth sports team. You will be a role model for the children you coach and you must do your best to ensure that all players learn the basics of the sport, sportsmanship ideals, improve their skills and self images, and most of all, have fun!

The mission of the Coaches Code of Conduct is to ensure that a high level of integrity and sportsmanship is adhered to by the coaches and players affiliated with the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department.

The philosophy of the NRPRD youth Sport Programs is to teach the basic fundamentals and skills. The emphasis of the program is to stress: participation, fellowship, sportsmanship and skill development. The NRPRD believes every child should be allowed to play. The underlying foundation of the programs is for the players to have a positive experience while learning the game and developing their skills.

The following conduct guidelines have been established to ensure that all participants will have a positive experience during their participation in the Program. These are strictly examples, the final decision on unsportsmanlike behavior and the sanctions associated with the behavior will be at the sole discretion of the NRPRD Administrative Staff. The following guidelines must be read, understood and followed.

- A. As a representative of the NRPRD, I will in no way attempt to degrade the reputation of the agency through unacceptable or inappropriate behavior at anytime during your involvement in the program.
- B. I will under no circumstances taunt, threaten, incite, verbally abuse, physically abuse, or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct towards any participant, coach, official, parent, fan, commissioner or NRPRD employee at any time.
- C. I will always allow my players to participate in the games, as stated in the NRPRD Rules which contains the rules, guidelines and policies of the NRPRD.
- D. I will always be gracious and exhibit sportsmanlike conduct in defeat as well as in victory.
- E. I will be amiable, enthusiastic, tolerant and understanding in my relationship with players, coaches, parents, officials, commissioners and NRPRD staff.
- F. I will become thoroughly acquainted with and follow all program rules and regulations. I will not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or intent of the rules without interpretation or clarification from a NRPRD Co-Athletic Coordinator.
- G. I will coach in a positive manner encouraging sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- H. I will provide a sports environment for participants that are free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol at all times.

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I. I am aware that I have a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the education of the participant and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

J. Contest officials shall have the respect and support of the coaches. I shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical and will not be tolerated by the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department.

VIOLATIONS / SANCTIONS

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary actions taken by the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, a verbal reprimand, a letter of reprimand, a suspension from practices and/or games, removal from your coaching duties, loss of privilege to attend games as a spectator, and the potential removal of not coaching in any City of North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation sponsored program.

This document has been discussed with me by the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation staff and I have read, understand and fully agree to abide by the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Name (Required): _____

Date (Required): _____

Signature (Required): _____