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# Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge

**I hereby pledge to create and maintain a happy, healthy environment that is conducive to the enjoyment of our youth by following this Code of Ethics:**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all my players ahead of a 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 do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging, providing growth opportunities in skills for all my players.
  - I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
  - I will be knowledgeable about the rules of soccer, and I will teach these rules to my players.
  - I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach and the level of development of each player.
  - I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
  - I will provide opportunities for all players to participate in both practice and game situations, allowing the players to apply new skills and demonstrate their abilities.
  - I will never coach or appear in public under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
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# Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Code of Ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players at every game, practice or other sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs and agree to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, and providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- I assume the responsibility to arrange transportation for my child to and from every practice/gamesite.

**Parents:** The City of Conroe Parks and Recreation Department wants children to receive the best possible opportunity to enjoy this recreational experience. Parents must remember the proper perspective about the purpose of the activity. Please remember that coaches are volunteers; sometimes we expect more from them than they can give. Parents are expected to follow this ***Code of Ethics Pledge***. If they do not, the only ones hurt are the children. This is their activity; help ensure that it is a positive experience for all.

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# Players' Code of Ethics Pledge

**I hereby pledge to maintain a positive attitude and be responsible for my participation in youth sports by following this Code of Ethics:**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice.
- I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time if practices are attended.
- I will do my best to listen to and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs and expect adults to respect that wish.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity, because it is important to me.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

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**Players:** Thank you for being a part of the **City of Conroe Parks and Recreation Department Soccer Program**. We are here to serve you. Along with the opportunity to participate comes responsibility. Players are expected to follow this ***Code of Ethics Pledge***. Your effort and time are required for this to be a positive experience. Remember, we are here to provide opportunities; you have the ability to control the outcome.