

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Pelham Little League (PLL)

As a volunteer youth sport coach within the PLL, I recognize that I am taking on a great deal of responsibility and must maintain the highest standards of behavior as I am serving as a role model for the children on my team and those who watch or take part in the sport contest. Further, I understand that my actions as a youth sport coach can have a strong and lasting effect upon many others around me. Therefore, by signing this code of conduct, I am acknowledging that:

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

- Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
- Include all players in team activities without regard to ability, race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, body type, national origin, ancestry, disability, or any other legal protected classification.
- Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Play all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and the spirit of those rules.
- Recognize the differences of each child and treat each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
- Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.

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 practice and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches, game administrators, volunteers, league officials, and fans at every practice and/or game.
- I will NOT use abrasive, loud, constant talk towards any players, whether they are near or across the field, as it may be too intimidating to the opposing players. Encouraging one's own players should be done in a way that does not distract or potentially intimidate others.
- I will be mindful of how my behavior affects the children on the opposing team
- Adopt the position, teach and demonstrate that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Abide by and support the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Provide an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
- Use the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect sportsmanship, fair play, respect, and dignity.

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

- Be alcohol and drug free at all team activities and in the presence of players.
- Refrain from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities and in the presence of your players.
- Refrain from providing any type of alcohol, drug or tobacco products to any of your players.
- Encourage parents to refrain from the public use of tobacco products or alcohol at team activities.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not for myself or other adults.

- Maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercise authority/influence to control the behavior of the assistant coaches, fans, spectators, and parents of children.
- Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
- Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
- Place the emphasis on fun and participation.

I will be responsible for my behavior and understand that if I am ejected from any game, I may not return for that event and the next scheduled game.

I will be responsible for the behavior of the family and friends of my players.

I will not use profanity towards any player, participant, coach, umpire, fan, or league official.

I understand that violations may be reviewed by the PLL Board of Directors which will render a final decision without further appeal. This will include game suspensions or expulsion from the league.

With my signature I pledge to abide by these rules set forth by the PLL

Name: _____

Division _____

Coach's Signature _____