



# Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coach agree to:

- Uphold the honor and dignity of her/his position.
- Set an example of the highest professional and moral conduct in contact with athletes, coaches, pastors, referees, athletic directors, school and diocesan administrators, parents, the community, and WPIAL/PIAA officials.
- Focus on player development and embrace the sport as a means of fostering children's physical, social, moral, and spiritual development.
- Not use alcohol or tobacco products when in a coaching or supervising role.
- Know and teach the rules of the sport. Both the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game must be maintained.
- Use her/his influence to encourage good sportsmanship and school spirit.
- Respect and work in concert with contest officials. Coaches should avoid conduct that may be taken as criticism of the officials. Coaches must abide by all officials' decisions.
- Meet and greet opposing coaches before and after the game, setting a cordial and positive tone for the athletic event.
- Never exert pressure on school staff to give student athletes special consideration.
- Be prepared for practice, work to keep communication open between players, parents, and school and diocesan administration, and remain unbiased in order to treat all players fairly.
- Begin each athletic event with group prayer.
- Abide by and enforce all school/parish and diocesan policies.
- Report injuries promptly to school/parish point of contact and exercise great care in dealing with injuries.
- Work to help all athletes improve their playing ability and sportsmanship.

As a coach for the CYO Athletics Program in the Diocese of Greensburg, I certify that I have received a copy of the CYO Handbook (either hard copy or via electronic copy) and agree to adhere to the rules and the Coach Code of Conduct.

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Coach Signature

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Coach Name (Printed)

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Date