



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, tournament staff, 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 team 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/parish staff to give student athletes special consideration.
- Be prepared for practice, work to keep communication open between players, parents, school, parish, 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.

Coach Signature

Coach Name (Printed)

Date