

## BOROUGH OF ROSELAND - RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS

#### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

The Roseland Recreation Department is proud to represent a community that is striving to improve its standard of living every day. If our Recreation Department is going to contribute in any way towards this goal, we must set a Policy and Procedural Guideline that coaches, players and spectators will live by.

On September 4, 1991 the National Youth Sports Coaches' Association was instituted as a primary step in educating our growing number of volunteer coaches. This mandatory clinic best reflects the department's philosophy. Safety and good sportsmanship must come first. The Recreation Department hopes to improve on its teaching methods by continuing to offer practical clinics and any other information (handouts), which may prove a valuable resource along the way. Through the different means of instruction, the Recreation staff and coaches must then educate our children (the players), as well as the spectators in this very important goal. What is Youth Sports really all about? Who is it for?

Listed below is the NYSCA CODE OF ETHICS - ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS PLEDGE AT EVERY NYSCA CLINIC OFFERED: \_

#### NYSCA CODE OF ETHICS PLEDGE

I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a NYSCA Coach by following the NYSCA Code of Ethics.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe play situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- 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 ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

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NYSCA Certified Coach

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL POLICY: All Rules/Regulations, as well as Team Rosters and Scheduling, are final and may only be added and/or changed with the approval of the Director of Recreation. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a coach's, spectator's and/or player's suspension or expulsion from the field or League. Re-scheduling without approval (effective - Sunday, September 29, 1991) will result in a double forfeit!

FIELD OF PLAY: Coaches and/or spectators are not allowed on the field/court while play is in progress. The Department also requests that coaches do not smoke and/or consume alcohol before or during all recreational activities.

SPORTSMANSHIP - IMPORTANT! Please remember good sportsmanship is vital. We, as adults, must set an example for the children. Coaches, spectators and/or players who demonstrate poor sportsmanship run the risk of being suspended or expelled from the League, and will be asked to leave the premises.