

# **Berthoud Youth Athletic Association**

## ***Coach's Pledge and Code of Conduct***

The BYAA considers it a privilege to have you coach a team in its youth athletic program. We believe that athletic programs such as ours provide a unique opportunity to the youth of our community to learn the fundamentals of and participate in a fun sport they enjoy. BYAA's mission with its athletic programs seeks to promote health and fitness, teach the value of cooperation and teamwork, instill a sense of responsibility and respect for one's self and for others, and impress upon participants the importance of perseverance and a positive attitude. These character-building values form the basis of good citizens and respected leaders.

BYAA can not accomplish this mission alone. The role of the coach is essential. Your active participation is very appreciated.

In an effort to keep you mindful of your role and the responsibility you take upon yourself by volunteering to coach a team in a BYAA athletic program, please read and sign the *Coach's Pledge*. To help ensure that everyone - child, parent, guardian, coaches, officials and spectators alike – are able to enjoy the program safely and comfortably, please read and sign the *Coach's Code of Conduct*.

### **Coach's Pledge**

As a coach in this sport or activity, I promise that I will not force an unwilling child to participate. I will explain the rules and teach every player how to play the game. I will support efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from these activities, treating all involved, child and adult alike, with respect and dignity. I will encourage good sportsmanship in every player, leading by example.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Team Level \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Coach's Code of Conduct**

Coach's of participants in BYAA athletic programs **WILL NOT:**

- Engage in negative, emotional outbursts that disrupt the activity in progress
- Engage in physical or verbal abuse of any participant, coach, official, parent/guardian or spectator, whether from my team or from an opponent's team, or any member of the BYAA
- Allow BYAA participants to engage in physical or verbal abuse of any other participant, coach, official, parent/guardian or spectator, whether from my team or from an opponent's team, or any member of the BYAA
- Engage in any activity that affects the outcome of a game in an unfair or unjust manner
- Engage in any activity that results in the damage or theft of BYAA equipment or equipment belonging to an opponent
- Engage in the use of alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs during any team activity where children are present

I have read, understand and will abide by this Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with this Code may result in disciplinary action from the BYAA Board including but not limited to formal reprimand, suspension from practices or games, or expulsion from coaching.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Team Level \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_