



COACHES' AND TRAINERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Safety

- My first responsibility is the health and safety of all participants.
- I will inspect players equipment and field conditions for safety reasons.
- I will supervise and control my players so as to avoid injury.
- I will implement appropriate training programs to ensure the fitness level of my players.
- I will follow the advice of a physician in determining when an injured player may return to action.
- It is recommended that coaches become knowledgeable of basic first aid and **always keep a first aid kit/ice available at practice and play.**
- **I will always carry emergency medical release forms.**

Practices and Principles

- Know and understand the Laws of the Game.
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy, enthusiasm, and their performance on the field.
- Develop the child's appreciation of the game. Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.
- Keep winning and losing in proper perspective. **Keep the experience fun.** Don't ridicule players for mistakes in the game.
- Set a good example and be generous with praise when it is deserved.
- Be sensitive to each child's developmental needs.
- Set the standard for sportsmanship and work in cooperation with the officials. Develop team respect for your opponents ability and the judgement of the referees.
- Be a positive role model.
- **At no point should a child/player be left alone.**
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents, per the NJYS, and may be subject to fines and/or suspensions for inappropriate actions.