



COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

As a coach of Thomasville Parks and Recreation Athletics I hereby Pledge to live up to the Thomasville Parks and Recreation Coaches' Code of Ethics listed below:

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic 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 provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and 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 sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I have read and will adhere to all conduct policies and procedures as set forth by the Thomasville Parks and Recreation Department.

Coaches who fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or do not live up to their responsibilities or expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. For violations of the Code of Conduct, the following steps will be followed:

- STEP 1: Verbal Warning
- STEP 2: Game Suspension
- STEP 3: League Suspension

These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the coach.