

## **Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Youth Sports Code of Ethics for Coaches**

The threefold purpose of all DDY youth sports programs is:

- 1) To allow all youth the opportunity to participate.
- 2) To provide a wholesome and educational experience.
- 3) To allow the participants a chance to have fun.

As an adult coach in a youth sports program for the Decatur-DeKalb YMCA, I have read, understand, and will promote the three fold purpose of this program.

I also promise to uphold the specifics listed below:

- 1) I will treat each individual (player, opposing coach, official, parent, supervisors, and administrators) with respect and dignity.
- 2) I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching techniques, and strategies of my sport.
- 3) I will become thoroughly familiar with the YMCA rules of my sport.
- 4) I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and parents.
- 5) I will uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to the contests in which I am involved, and will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial contest.
- 6) I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players in order that I may place them into situations where they have maximum opportunities to achieve success.
- 7) I will conduct my practices and games so that all players have an equal opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
- 8) I will allow each player the opportunity to play every position during the game/season. I will be fair in assigning "extra" playing time and realize that it is not a reward for superior playing ability.
- 9) I will communicate to my players and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- 10) I will cooperate with the administration of the YMCA. I will help enforce the rules and regulations of the league and will report any irregularities that violate the rules to the YMCA Athletic Director.
- 11) I will protect the health and safety of my players by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare.
- 12) I understand that if I fail to uphold the philosophy and/or practice of the youth sports programs that I will be asked to resign as coach.

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_