



Athletes for the Cross

Code of Conduct

COACH

As a person who will be leading young men and/or women by being their coach. . .

1. I will never place the importance of winning over the physical and mental well-being of any player.
2. I will instruct the players to play with integrity for themselves and for the game they are playing. I will not teach or support unsportsmanlike conduct in any manner. This includes, but is not limited to, hard intentional fouls, taunting of any kind, or belittlement of any manner.
3. I will treat each player as an individual; remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
4. I will provide an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, offensive language, or inappropriate behavior. Any coach, player, or spectator that is in violation of the above mentioned items will be removed from the facility/field for that game. The situation will be reviewed by the appropriate AFC Leadership Team, and if the issue is severe enough, a suspension (beyond the game in question) may be imposed.
5. I will not dispute any calls made by the game officials (verbally or via body language/gestures). I will not try to disrupt the game in any manner.
6. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the games are for the kids, not the adults.
7. As a coach, I know that I am responsible for my behavior, the behavior of my team, and the behavior of the parents who are coming to support the teams. Please see item 4.
8. Infractions of this **Code of Conduct** will result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal of me and/or my team.
9. I will do my best to make sure that each player gets to play at least half of each game.

Coach's Signature/Printed Name: _____

Host Site Personnel Signature/Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

A copy of this Code of Conduct must be signed and turned in before you may conduct a practice or lead your team in a game. Failure to turn in the form will result in immediate forfeit of your team.