

COACHING CODE OF ETHICS

This code of Ethics has been developed by the Pulaski Youth Organization (PYO) to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted behavior of the volunteer coaches for the PYO sponsored athletic teams. The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to, Head Coach and Assistant Coach (es). Primary enforcement and compliance responsibility lies with the League Commissioner and if necessary, the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities to Players:

Coaches must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.

Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game.

Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.

Coaches must strive constantly to teach good sporting behavior.

Responsibility to Game Officials:

Game officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of game officials undermines their purpose in the game. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing game officials in the presence of players.

Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between game official, coach, or player.

Game Day and Other Responsibilities:

A Coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to the coach, to the team, to the Pulaski Youth Organization, and to the City of Pulaski. This is never more evident than on game day.

It is unethical for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench during the game. Hostile physical contact with a player will not be tolerated.

The head coach or a representative for the head coach is expected to attend the monthly PYO meetings through out the duration of the current season. The PYO meets every 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, at the High School in the Social Studies Wing during the school year and at Memorial Park in the summer.

Conducting coaching responsibilities with your players while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

Retribution against a player or parent for reporting a violation of the code of ethics or filing an incident report will not be tolerated and will result in further disciplinary action.

Coaches are expected to make every effort to field a team and compete in every tournament which PYO has committed to and has paid the entry fee.

Remember that you are a youth coach and that the game is for children and not adults. The PYO expects the head coach and assistant coaches to adhere to the terms of the Coaching Code of Ethics. By discretion of the PYO Board of Director, a coach in violation of these terms will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including being relieved of coaching responsibilities. I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the PYO Coaching Code of Ethics.

Date: _____.

Name: _____ . Witness: _____.

Signature: _____ . Signature _____.