



YOUTH SPORTS COACH AGREEMENT

I understand that my responsibilities as a Youth Sports Coach are of great importance, and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to participate in sports.
- II. Right to have fun in sports.
- III. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's ability and maturity.
- IV. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- V. Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
- VI. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- VII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- VIII. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- IX. Right to be treated with dignity.
- X. Right to have a voice and communicate with others.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for coaches as given below.

- 1. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the athletes.
- 2. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, school staff, official, parent, and youth sports program staff member with respect and dignity.
- 3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my athletes ahead of any desire to win.
- 4. I will be a role model for the athletes by displaying good sportsmanship, appropriate conflict resolution, effective communication, and healthy life habits.
- 5. I will comply with all rules and regulations set by the Milwaukee Recreation Youth Sports Office, including but not limited to: hiring requirements, money handling, non-MPS athletic events, athlete eligibility, playing time rules, documentation deadlines, and mandatory coaches' meetings.
- 6. I will uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach. I will also assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- 7. I will do my best to provide a safe playing atmosphere for all athletes.
- 8. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will also refrain from the use of these items at all youth sports events.
- 9. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable of the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my team.
- 10. I will conduct my practices and contests so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.

With my signature I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will do my best to fulfill the promises herein. I further understand that failure to comply with this agreement can result in my immediate removal from this program by school administration and/or the Milwaukee Recreation Youth Sports Office.

Name: _____
(Please Print)

School: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS AGREEMENT TO THE YOUTH SPORTS OFFICE AT youthsports@mkerec.net.