

Deerfield Community Center- Coaches Code of Ethics

The Deerfield Community Center offers a recreational-based youth sports program which emphasizes all-inclusive participation, fun, skill development, sportsmanship, and safety. Our philosophy is to instill teamwork, a positive attitude, and a lifetime appreciation of physical activity through youth sports programs. We value respect, responsibility, and cooperation, and expect all participants, parents, and coaches to uphold these standards.

Each program is supported by community volunteers and DCC staff. DCC is a non-profit with the mission of providing youth sporting opportunities in our community. The efforts of the DCC youth sports programs would not be possible without the support and volunteering of our parents, our local business sponsors, and the community.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of our team's win/loss record.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development that exists within the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe environment for players during practices & games.
- As a coach, my goal is to give everyone a chance to play and enjoy the game. While we'll aim for equal playing time, we'll also be mindful of individual comfort levels and make any necessary adjustments.
- 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 not use inappropriate language during practices or games.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use coaching techniques appropriate for each skill that I teach.
- I will be responsible for the sportsmanship of my players and help monitor the conduct of the parents and spectators watching my team.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the game is for the children.
- **I will MAINTAIN Sportsmanship at ALL TIMES. Refrain from yelling at officials, players, coaches or other spectators.**
- **If these rules are not followed and disciplinary actions need to be taken, we will be using a 3 strike rule:**
 1. **A phone call or meeting (depending on the situation) will be set up with the sports committee to discuss the issue that has happened and how to make sure it doesn't happen again.**
 2. **The Sports Committee will further investigate if the issue occurs again and will determine an appropriate outcome.**
 3. **If the DCC feels the situation cannot be resolved or improved, it may result in the coach being asked to not coach any future programs at DCC.**

We have read and understand the above and promise to abide by the Deerfield Community Center Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with the above could result in disciplinary action.

Print Name

Signature

Date