

NKYA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Have knowledge/understand the rules of the game and the spirit of how the rules are enforced.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Concentrate on coaching rather than on the accuracy of official's decisions.
- Be a role model of fair play. Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited when in the presence of his/her players or any NKYA sponsored event.
- Be positive; avoid confrontation with any official, coach or parent.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of his/her duties.
- Support and Practice "Everyone plays" and "Positive Coaching" philosophies of the NKYA.
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy, enthusiasm and their performance on the field.
- Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Attend coaching classes to learn the most effective ways to conduct practices and to keep informed about sound principles of coaching, growth and development principles relating to your players.
- Give good guidelines to parents.
- Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to instill the proper attitudes and values in the players.
- Ensure that your players' experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.

COACHES MUST:

- Allow only those players assigned to your team and appear on your team roster to play within the league. If a team is found in violation of this rule prior to the game, the illegal player(s) will not be permitted to play. If a team is found in violation during or after the game, the offending team will forfeit that game(s) in which the illegal player(s) played. Also, the coach will be suspended for one game for violating this rule.
- Discuss with each player the "Player Code of Conduct."
- Ensure the safety of the players with whom they work.
- Respect athletes dignity; verbal or physical behavior's that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
- Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
- Never provide under age players with alcohol; never encourage its use.

- Coordinate the team pictures as related to your team.
- ALL coaches must use the same photographer assigned by the Northern Kentucky Youth Association.
- Keep track of and maintain all equipment and facilities issued to you for your use and insist that players keep facilities clean and litter in garbage cans.
- Collect all equipment issued and return to NKYA Activity administrator immediately at season's end. Coach is responsible for lost or missing equipment.
- Work with officials. Report problems to the administrator or official as quickly as possible.
- You are responsible for controlling the conduct of players, parents, and other spectators.
- Officials have the authority to remove coaches, players or spectators from the game and/or premises due to unsportsmen-like conduct. It is their discretion to define unsportsmen-like conduct.
- You or a team representative must attend the awards ceremony at the end of the season.

Coaches Penalty:

- If a coach is ejected from a game for any reason an additional one game suspension will be automatically enforced. If a coach is found to be in violation of the code of conduct outside the confines of the playing field/game the standard one game suspension will be enforced. Also, the administrator may in his/her judgement issue up to an additional 2 game suspension for that violation. The administrator in cooperation with the official has the authority to take control of a game in the event of problems. This may include ejection of a coach, player, or spectator as well as possible termination of the game. The result of such conditions may result in forfeiture of the game by either one or both teams. Repeatedly and/or intentionally violating this code of conduct will result in the coach being removed from his/her position for the remainder of the season and could be brought before the Board of Directors. Punishment could be up to a one year suspension or further action as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. In cases of illegal conduct the local authorities will be notified and the coach will be removed immediately from his/her position.