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YOUTH SPORTS COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Congratulations, you have been selected to Coach, Manage or Assist in one of the Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Youth Sports leagues and Area Recreation Association programs. One of your first responsibilities is to read and sign this Code of Conduct with Virginia Beach Sports Management. This Code of Conduct will be kept for permanent record with Virginia Beach Sports Management.

1. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children, not adults.
2. I will place the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of all participants ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I understand that my approval to coach is based upon the results of my background screening.
4. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering that each child develops (emotionally and physically) at his/her own rate.
5. I will attend the seasonal mandatory coaches clinic and meeting for each sport that I am coaching.
6. I will not publicly question or criticize an official's judgment and will encourage parents and players to do the same.
7. I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of participants in my care.
8. I will use appropriate coaching techniques and organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
9. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
10. I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all youth sports events. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
11. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
12. I will abide by the established policies, rules and regulations, putting first the safety and well being of all who participate.

As a Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Volunteer, I acknowledge and agree to the established Youth Sports Coaches' Code of Conduct, and understand that volunteering is a privilege and not a right. A violation of the Code of Conduct shall be just cause for my removal as a volunteer.

Name (please print)

Name (signature)

Date