



Summerville Family YMCA Coaches Code of Conduct

With regard to Risk Management: Coaches Initials _____

- I will make the safety of my players my top priority, both on the field and off.
- I will inspect the playing area before practices and games to ensure a safe environment
- I will never touch a player in any way that makes him/her uncomfortable, whether affectionately or with hostility.
- I will never put myself in a position where I am alone with a player at any time.
- I will agree to any background and reference checks the Summerville Family YMCA deems appropriate

With regard to my players: Coaches Initials _____

I believe that my role as a coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical, and mental growth of the player through participation in Youth Sports.

- I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for my players.
- I believe that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players.
- I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the Rules of the Game.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the Rules, as well.
- I will never be alone with a player, contact a player via social media, email, etc., or interact with a child either physically or verbal in an inappropriate manner. These guidelines are in the Coaches Handbook.

With regard to opposing teams: Coaches Initials _____

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.

- I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
- I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards opposing players.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

With regard to Referees: Coaches Initials _____

- I believe that Referees, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
- I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
- I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees at all times.
- Neither I nor my players and spectators will address a Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field/court, specifically as it relates to the referee, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

If players conduct is not in the spirit of YMCA Youth Sports, the referee can have the player leave the game for a cooling off period. The same conduct rule applies to spectators. If the cooling off period does not resolve the problem, the spectator may be asked to leave the field/court.

Coaches Signature (Print & Sign) _____ Date _____

YMCA Mission: To be a community cornerstone that puts Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.