



Albany Boys Basketball Association

ABBA

Coaches' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement to all players in youth sports by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

I will maintain a "Fun is #1" attitude.

I will remind myself and team players to laugh and keep a sense of humor.

I will emphasize teamwork with the team, teaching them to think "we" instead of "me".

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for the team, opponents, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport events.

I will praise the players and their opponents just for participating, regardless of their athletic skills.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the team ahead of any personal desire to win. I will do this by remaining calm when a player or their teammates make a mistake and help them to learn from their mistakes and by reminding the players not to get down on themselves when things do not go well.

I will insist that the team plays in a safe and healthy environment.

I will not take myself too seriously when it comes to my involvement in youth sports, reminding myself that there is life beyond youth sports.

I will provide support for the parents and officials working with the team players to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for the team and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sport events.

I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.

I will ask the team to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will keep the parents informed on practice and game schedules.

I will make sure each child has a ride before leaving after practice/game.

We reveal our true selves through sports. And like it or not, the players are watching us... looking to us as role models of good sportsmanship. Youth sports are an avenue to teach values to the players: teamwork, hard work and practice, handling and learning from mistakes, developing confidence and winning and losing gracefully. Please remind ourselves of the significant role we play in the lives of the youth at their sporting events.

Coach's Signature

Date

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