

Chenango Forks Community Association Sports Programs

Coaches' Code of Conduct and Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in youth athletics. Each youth athlete should be treated with a high degree of respect and appreciation for their own abilities, and the safety and welfare of each youth athlete should be uppermost at all times. As a coach in a Chenango Forks Community Association sports program, I recognize that I have responsibilities to my players, my co-coaches, and my community. I therefore agree that I will:

1. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive, encouraging example while coaching youth athletes.
2. Treat players, other coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.
4. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, which does not require victory as a standard by which success is measured.
5. Recognize that the participants are youth athletes, with many limitations and they will make mistakes.
6. Ensure that activities being undertaken are suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of all athletes.
7. Not engage in crude, abusive, profane language with youth athletes, officials, or spectators.
8. Refrain from physical or verbal abuse of any athlete, official, coach, or spectator.
9. Instruct youth athletes in the elements of good sportsmanship, and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
10. Avoid behavior that may incite youth athletes, opponents, or spectators.
11. Refrain from the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco while coaching or interacting with athletes.
12. Be aware of the academic pressures placed on student athletes, and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow academic success.
13. At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with any youth athlete. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- One game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
- Removal from coaching responsibilities, and banishment from any future coaching privileges in CFCA activities.

Coach's Name (Please Print)

Coach's Signature*

Date

* All head coaches and assistants are expected to read and agree to these guidelines prior to participation in a CFCA sports activity. Failure to sign this form will not disqualify the coach from participation, but will place them in a position of 'zero tolerance' for violations of the guidelines and standards, resulting in automatic suspension and/or banishment from CFCA coaching privileges.

This Code of Conduct and Ethics was created using guidelines and templates provided by the 'Citizenship through Sports Alliance', an organization striving to promote citizenship and respect through youth athletics and sportsmanship. Further information regarding this organization can be found at www.sportsmanship.org.