



KIDSPORTS Coaches Pledge

Coaches are critical to providing kids with early positive experiences in sport and play and they help kids to develop confidence and skills, both on and off the playing field. As a coach, you are responsible for the physical and emotional safety and wellbeing of your players while they are in under your guidance.

AS a Kidsports Coach I pledge to:

- * Hold a parent meeting to discuss my coaching philosophy and expectations.
- * Model and teach players to respect all aspects of the game: coaches, officials, opponents, teammates
- * Put the development of my players above the desire to win.
- * Reward effort, not just good outcomes. Recognize players even for “unsuccessful” efforts.
- * Encourage Players to set “Effort Goals” tied to how hard they try.

Game Management:

- * KIDSPORTS games are part of the development zone. The development zone requires an environment conducive to learning. A learning environment allows for a positive youth sport experience for everyone involved in the game.
- * As a coach, I am responsible for creating an environment that is conducive to learning and safe for ALL kids to play in.
- * I will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all KS rules, policies, and procedures.
- * I will represent Kidsports in a professional manner at all times, including during adversity or when things are not going my way.
- * Self control is the key; kids and parents are watching **YOU** and will follow your actions.
- * I will focus on effort and process goals for team and individuals rather than outcome goals.

Adopting these philosophies and actions will contribute to a positive, character-building youth sports experience for all the children in the KS program. Thank you for all of your time and effort as a KS volunteer coach.

Conduct outside of the KS coaches pledge may require a compliance meeting with KS staff to review and evaluate adherence to the KS coaches pledge and to determine future action and possible consequences.

I pledge to observe, practice, and uphold the Kidsports Coaches Pledge.

Name _____ (please print)

Signature _____ Date _____