

Coaches Code of Conduct

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth sports coach for the WPS Westy Futures program are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes that I coach. I will also conduct myself in accordance with the Westy Futures Youth Sports Leagues Code of Conduct:

- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all program participants.
- I will treat every participant, coach, official, parent, and staff with respect.
- I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules and regulations of the sport/program.
- I will provide equal participation time for all program participants.
- I will focus on safety, fun and the skill development of all program participants.
- I will encourage all participants to be team players, demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of program participants and place them in situations where they have the maximum opportunity to achieve success while building their skills.
- I will conduct my program so that all program participants have the opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation and engagement.
- I will cooperate with all WPS and Westy Futures staff in the enforcement of the rules and regulations and I will report any irregularities that violate these practices.
- I will provide an environment for my participants that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will immediately report any violations of professional boundaries, suspicious behavior, inappropriate behavior, or abusive behavior.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach and that any program in which I partake is for the participants not the adults.

No Isolated Moments Policy

This policy states that no coach should ever be alone with one or more participants for any reason.

This policy is being implemented to protect both the participants and coaches. This policy is not flexible, immediate actions will be taken for violation of this policy.

The following items are violations of the policy and are prohibited.

- Physical Interaction with participants, unless it is to aide in the learning of skill, encouragement should be done with a high five or knuckles (no hugs, no patting, no massaging, etc...).
- Interaction with participants outside of practices and games without participant's parents present.
- Being one on one with a participant, out of sight of staff.
- Transportation of participants.
- Calling, texting, emailing, etc., with players about anything other than issues directly related to the program. Contacting participants through Facebook or other social media sites.
- Working one on one with players outside of scheduled team practice and out of eye sight of other coaches, parents or players during practice.

I have read and understand the Coaches Code of Conduct and the No Isolated Moments Policy and agree to abide by these policies and procedures put in place while I am a part of the Westy Futures athletics programs

Coach's Name (Print): _____

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____