

# Sport Coach Code of Conduct

As a manager or coach of a Indian Trail Athletic Association team, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in ITAA by following this Code of Conduct:

## General Codes

1. Coaches have ultimate responsibility for their conduct, the conduct of their assistants, players, and spectators.
2. Accept the decisions of officials without showing inappropriate emotions.
3. Place the emotional and physical well being of your players ahead of any personal desire to win. Want to win and strive to win, but don't "win at all costs". Seek to achieve excellence.
4. Ensure that you are knowledgeable in the rules of the sport that you coach, and teach these rules to your players. Develop the total individual not just the athlete.
5. Treat each player, coach, official, and parent with respect and dignity.
6. Treat each player as an individual; remember the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
7. Lead by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players. Remember that the team is a direct reflection of the coach.
8. Share your coaching style, playing-time philosophy, player expectations, team rules and season goals with your players and their parents before the season starts. Be open to player and parent input.
9. Remember that you are a youth coach and the game is for children and not adults.
10. Be positive, and have fun!

## Pledges

11. I will never use profanity or be crude in front of players or parents
12. I will never verbally or physically abuse any player or official.
13. I will maintain open lines of communication with my player's parents.
14. I understand that managers and coaches are responsible for controlling the action of their players and parents so they do not verbally or physically abuse other players, parents, or officials.
15. I understand that managers and coaches must provide an environment free of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and weapons of any kind.
16. I will endeavor to place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of my desire to win.
17. I understand that managers and coaches shall not, in the performance of their duties, by words or conduct manifest prejudice or bias based upon race, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.
18. I will never knowingly permit an ineligible player to be on my team or withhold information regarding the eligibility of players on my team.
19. I will endeavor to be knowledgeable of the rules of the game, particularly rules directed to safety-related matters.
20. I will endeavor to be knowledgeable of proper coaching techniques, and will strive to stay current as to methods of teaching the skills of the game.
21. I will endeavor to be reasonable in my demands on a young player's time, energy, enthusiasm, and performance on the field.
22. I will endeavor to set a good example and be generous with my praise when it is deserved.
23. I will follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.
24. I will actively promote honesty and forthrightness among athletes, I shall exhibit the highest standard of such behavior in myself, and I will not tolerate dishonest acts or statement.