

First Friends Sports Ministry

Coaches Code of Conduct/Job Description

The following is a list of our expectations for First Friends Sports coaching staffs. In order to maintain the highest quality of coaching and instruction in our league, we will STRICTLY enforce the following code of conduct stipulations:

Administration: Be consistent in attendance of practices, huddle times, and games. Be on time!! Plan and organize effective practices. There will be no extra practices, clinics, organized sporting functions or the like initiated, whether mandatory or optional, by coaches apart from those practices and games scheduled by the league. Prepare for your post-game meeting with team and parents.

Character: Be a role model in all aspects of speech, attitude, and behavior. Be fair to all players regardless of ability. Use positive speech/words when coaching practices and games. There will be absolutely no on-field disputes between opposing coaches or between coaches and referees. NEVER show disrespect to officials and always address them in a positive and calm manner. Any altercations, whether physical or verbal, will be dealt with swiftly by league leadership. Treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of student-athletes. This includes parents, opposing players, teammates, opposing coaches, referees and any other volunteers associated with the league.

Relationships: Get to know your team players (names and parents). Pray for your team. Share your spiritual journey with your team during the course of the season. Develop relationships with the parents of your players. Ensure that participants and coaches are having FUN!

Team Integrity:

- Encourage student-athletes to pursue victory with honor, to think and play as a team, to do their best and continually improve through personal effort and discipline. Discourage selfishness and put less emphasis on the final outcome of the contest, than upon effort, improvement, teamwork, and winning with character.
- Put safety and health considerations above the desire to win; never permit student-athletes to intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to themselves or others.
- Promote sportsmanship over gamesmanship; don't cheat. Resist temptations to gain competitive advantage through strategies or techniques (such as devious rule violations, alteration of equipment or the field of play or tactics designed primarily to induce injury or fear of injury) that violate the rules, disrespect the highest traditions of the sport or change the nature of competition by practices that negate or diminish the impact of the core athletic skills that define the sport.
- Demonstrate Christlikeness and Sportsmanship in all that you do! Stress fun, skill development, and fundamentals. Winning is secondary to these priorities.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to uphold the aforementioned stipulations of the First Friends Sports Ministry Code of Conduct/Job Description.

Signature: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Date: _____