

GRAND JUNCTION & FRUITA RECREATION YOUTH BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

I will honor the fact that youth sports exist for youth, not adults

- Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
- Maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercise authority/influence to control behavior of fans and spectators.
- Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies related to participation of adults and youth.
- Play all players according to the equal participation rules established by the league and follow the spirit of those rules.
- Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.
- Place emphasis on fun, participation and team.
- Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and other children involved

- Recognize the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
- Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team.
- Recognize that some physical tasks, drills and demands are not appropriate for all youth.
- Recognize that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and considering these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with youth.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players

- Establish practice plans that are interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players skills and individual abilities.
- Devote appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
- Conduct practices of reasonable length and intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.

I will exercise good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players & officials at every game, practice or other sports event

- Adopt, teach and demonstrate that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Abide by and supporting the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Provide an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
- Use the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect fair sportsmanship and fair play.

I will insist that my team exercise good sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, fans, and other players

- Become knowledgeable, understand and support of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulations and policies.
- Teach and require compliance of these rules among players, so that with this understanding good sportsmanship can be maintained.
- Teach techniques that reduce risk of injury to both the coach's own players and their opponents.
- Discourage illegal contact or intentional dangerous play and administering swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.

I will support other coaches and league officials

- Back and support league officials and coaches when working with my players and parents.
- Direct concerns or questions, to recreation staff or coach at an appropriate time, not during a practice or game.
- Avoid criticizing another coach, an official, or a recreation staff member in front of my players or parents.

I will make sure all children play in a safe, healthy environment

- Maintain a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions and correct or avoid unsafe practice or playing conditions.
- Using appropriate safety equipment necessary to protect all players.
- Seeing that the players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coach's care.

I will place the safety and physical development of my players ahead of my personal desire to win

- Use appropriate language in an appropriate tone when interacting with league officials, players, game officials, parents and/or spectators. *At no time is profanity acceptable.*
- Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Encourage youth to participate in other sports and activities to promote all aspects of their development.