



OC Next Wave Youth Sports Coaches Code of Conduct & Ethics



The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either positive or negative, on the development of the athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of Coaching. In all personal contact with athletes, parents, officials, the community, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products or any illegal substances when in contact with players.

The coach shall seek to master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules. Signing below is acknowledgement that the coach has reviewed and understands the rules of the current season located at <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/ocnextwave> under the Rule Book and Resources Section.

The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators and players, both directly and by working closely with parents and The League.

The Coach shall not abuse children in any way, including physical abuse—striking, spanking, shaking, slapping, and so on; verbal abuse—humiliating, degrading, threatening, and so on; sexual abuse—touching or speaking inappropriately; mental abuse—shaming, withholding kindness, being cruel, and so on; neglect—withholding water, or basic care. No type of abuse will be tolerated and will be cause for immediate dismissal.

The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

The coach shall not discuss private matters of players or other coaches in public forums, and shall not disparage other coaches, players, the league, or members in public forums.

The coach, as a steward of the league, shall not engage in any illegal or immoral activity that jeopardizes the integrity of The League.

The coach shall not engage in or allow any cursing, derogatory verbiage, sexist, or racist comments.

The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

The coach will be responsible for assessing any Athlete Code of Conduct breaches and determine proper disciplinary actions that may include game suspension(s), dismissal from practice, or dismissal from the team, using best evidence available, on a case-by-case basis.

Failure to meet these expectations or any other coaching expectations as determined by the OC Next Wave Youth Sports Organization may result in removal as coach and spectator, pursuant to League Standards and rules.