

Annville Youth League Coaches Code of Conduct

The Annville Youth League Coaches Code of Conduct outlines the ethical and behavioral expectations for coaches, ensuring a positive and safe environment for young athletes.

Annville Youth League Coaches are volunteers who agree to uphold the following:

Prioritize Player Well-being: Coaches should place the emotional and physical well-being of their players above their desire to win. This includes providing a safe playing environment and being attentive to injuries. Coaches should have the best interests of their athletes in mind by understanding issues of confidentiality and avoiding situations that could create conflicts of interest or could exploit any athlete.

Promote Fair Play and Sportsmanship: Coaches are expected to lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times. This includes treating all players, officials, and opponents with respect.

Maintain Professionalism: Coaches should conduct themselves in a professional manner, avoiding any behavior that could be perceived as inappropriate or unprofessional. This includes refraining from using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any AYL events or at AYL facilities.

Coaches should also avoid exhibiting behaviors that could develop into interpersonal relationships, or even create the perception of intimacy with athletes. Coaches should also refrain from direct physical contact with players (i.e., pats on the buttocks) that could be construed as sexual in nature.

Respect Officials and Rules: Coaches must respect the authority of officials and adhere to the rules of the sport. They should not confront officials during games and should model good sportsmanship regardless of the game's outcome.

Encourage Positive Experiences: The focus should be on making the sports experience enjoyable for all players. Coaches should use positive reinforcement and coaching methods that foster a love for the game.

Commit to Continuous Learning: Coaches should stay informed about the rules of the sport they are coaching and continuously seek to improve their coaching techniques.

As a volunteer Coach for Annville Youth League I agree to abide by the AYL Coaches Code of Conduct and the following expectations:

1. Complete and maintain clearances/background checks through AYL/Protect Youth Sports
2. Complete training through AYL/Protect Youth Sports
3. Complete my coaching duties to the best of my ability

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____