



Diocese of Toledo Catholic Youth Organization **COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS**

- I realize that as the coach I set the tone and give direction to my team. My position must be viewed in the context of ministering to youth.
- I will lead my players, by example, in demonstrating the Christian values of self-restraint, fair play and sportsmanship toward my opponents and game officials.
- I understand my obligation to maintain proper conduct at all times because of the great potential that I have to be a positive influence on young people.
- I will encourage each player to be a responsible and active member of the team, parish, and community.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players, as well as their educational obligations, ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering that each is at a different level of emotional, physical, spiritual, and psychological development.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. I will do my best to schedule these so as to not interfere with other parish activities.
- I will insure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for the skill level of the youth I teach. I will spend an equal amount of time coaching individual players regardless of their ability.
- I will do my best to develop a positive relationship with my athletes as well as their parents.
- I will not be in possession of a weapon, or under the influence of any form of alcohol/chemicals or use tobacco products at a CYO athletic contest or practice session. I understand that alcohol, chemicals and tobacco products, and weapons are not permitted anywhere on the premises at a CYO event.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the games are for the youth, not the adults.

I have read each statement included in this document and pledge to live up to these principles as they apply to the philosophy of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Toledo as a coach in the CYO program. I understand that my failure to uphold any of the above principles may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from the CYO program.

Coach's Name (Please PRINT)

Coach's Parish

Coach's Signature

Date Signed