

Mary of Nazareth HSA Sports Committee Coaches' Code of Conduct

OUR MISSION

It is the goal of Mary of Nazareth HSA Sports Committee to improve the well being of children by providing the student youth and all youth within our sports programs with the opportunity to participate in the sports we offer in an atmosphere of Christian values, fun ,learning and good sportsmanship.

COACHES

Mary of Nazareth Sports Committee is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all coaches to honor Catholic principles and sportsmanship. All MoN coaches agree to observe the following code:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will ensure that each athlete I coach, the time spent with MoN Sports Programs is a positive experience.
3. I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
4. I will encourage athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
5. I will respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete.
6. I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all athletes, coaches other volunteers, friends and spectators in all MoN sporting events and practices.
7. I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
8. I will instruct each athlete to perform to the best of the athlete's ability at all levels of competition.
9. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
10. My language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate high standards.
- 11. I will not engage in the use of profanity or any other offensive language.**
12. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or any other attendee such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; using profane language or gestures; physical threats or verbal, physical or emotional abuse.
13. I will not engage in or encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of any player, coach, official or other attendee.
14. I will demand that all players on my team treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color sex or ability.
15. I will teach my team that doing their best by participating within the rules is more important than winning.
16. I will praise my team for competing fairly and trying hard.
17. I will never ridicule or yell at any child in my charge for making a mistake or losing a competition.
18. I will emphasize skill development and practices over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in lower age groups (K-5).
19. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my team to win.
20. I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
21. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I will refrain from their use and I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a MoN sports event while under their influence.
22. I will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed towards athletes in my charge.
23. I will seek continual improvement through Archdiocesan Certification and ongoing coaching education.
24. I will ensure that the equipment and facilities are safe to use.
25. I will ensure that the equipment, rules, training and environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
26. I will review each athlete's medical form and be aware of any limitations on that athlete's participation noted on that form.
27. I will encourage athletes and their parents to seek medical advice when required.
28. I will maintain the same interest and support toward sick and injured athletes.
29. I will allow further participation in training and competition after an injury, illness or disability only when appropriate.

I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to and including being prohibited from coaching in Mary of Nazareth Sports Programs.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____