



## Youth Coaches' Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to live up to the responsibilities of a youth sports coach and will abide by the following Mesquite Youth Coaches' Code of Conduct:

**Coach: Please check off each code listed below, signifying your acceptance of responsibility**

- I truly understand that youth sports are intended for the children and not for adults
- I will place the well being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will provide a safe and fun environment for all of my players.
- I will treat each player with respect and not use abusive language towards my players, parents, spectators and/or league officials.
- I will be knowledgeable of the rules of the sport that I coach and will teach those rules to all of my players.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and fair play towards my players and opponents.
- I acknowledge that I am STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to require any player who plays catcher (all leagues except T-Ball) to wear a protective cup or other equivalent protective equipment.
- I agree that all youth sports coaches must have a criminal background check conducted on an annual basis, and it will be kept on file with my league officials.
- I agree that if I violate any of the above codes I may be disciplined and/or relieved of my duties by the league as a youth sports coach and/or league official.
- I further affirm that:
1. I have never been convicted (including crimes where a plea of "no contest" was entered) of a crime of child abuse, sexual assault, child neglect, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felony assault, arson, robbery, burglary, indecent exposure, public lewdness, terrorist threat, any offense against a minor, kidnapping, or felony violation of the Controlled Substance Act.
  2. I have never been twice convicted, in any combination, of Misdemeanor Assault or any level violation of the Controlled Substance Act.
  3. I have not been twice convicted during the past seven years of any intoxication offense.
  4. I have never been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children.
  5. I have never been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to a domestic order for protection.

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Youth Sports League/Organization

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League Representative/Date

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Coach's Signature

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Date

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Coach's Printed Name

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Coach's Team and Age Group