



COACHES CREED

I Believe...

God

There is one God, who exists as three persons living in perfect community - Father, Son, and Spirit. God created everything and sustains everything by His life. He is holy, all-powerful, all-knowing, unchanging, and full of mercy and grace.

As a coach this is important because I am called to help kids to see that God is very involved in all areas of our lives, even their play on the field and court.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, God's Son, became fully human when He was born to the Virgin Mary. He was fully human and fully God.

As a coach this is important because it is Jesus that we are calling kids to live their lives after, on and off of the field and court. Therefore, our examples of play will come from how Christ lived.

The Bible

The Bible is God's completely true Story about who He is, what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do. It was given by God to human writers and reflects their backgrounds, styles, and use of language. The Bible is the final and infallible authority on all matters to which it speaks.

As a coach this is important because all teams work from a playbook, a rule book to guide us in playing as the best team we can... not just as individuals. This is the ultimate playbook that calls our team, Christians, to work together.

The Holy Spirit

We experience the full life and presence of God in our relationship with God the Spirit, who convicts us of sin, points us to Christ, and applies Christ's work to our lives. He gives gifts and power to the church and He is the one who creates biblical community in the church. He reveals truth and guides our lives, individually and together.

As a coach this is important because the kids need to know that we don't live this life on our own. Christ is with us as coaches and as players directing us through His spirit.

Humanity

We are connected to God by choosing to accept the offer of forgiveness and reconciliation that He offers to us through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. There is nothing we can do to deserve this life - it is a gift of God. Our job is simply to receive it. When we do, God begins the process of changing our hearts and minds from the inside out and making our characters more and more like Jesus'.

As a coach this is important because as coaches and players, we will make mistakes and we are to show the same grace and mercy to one another and to our competitors as Christ has shown to us.

The Church

If we are in relationship with Christ, we are part of God's Universal Church. The Church is the visible and local demonstration of the new community Christ came to create and is made up of imperfect people who are responding day by day in all their relationships to God's stunning grace.

As a coach this is important because our teams are made up of people from different churches and denominations, as well as the unchurched. For those that confess Christ as Savior, we are a part of a greater community. Therefore, we are called to help each other be all we can be for Christ.

As a Coach for Stewards of the Game, I believe these to be truths and it is my heart's desire to allow Jesus Christ to be the "head coach" of my life and lead me to share these truths with others. I have reviewed the Stewards of the Game Vision, Mission and League Principles and I agree to live these out as a coach, and encourage others to do the same.

Coach Name (Print)

Coach Signature

Date



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of my coaching with Stewards of the Game is to: *Teach Life Lessons Through Sports to help boys become men and girls become women of empathy and integrity who will lead, be responsible, and change the world for good.*

I will be mindful to never shame a player, but to correct in an uplifting way. Affirmation!

I believe in every player. Remember, "In youth is where miracles are made."

I will protect our players. I am big enough to build up, not tear down. Kids are getting attacked from many places that we don't often see and of which we are not aware.

My job is to put players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing.

Each player is part of our family, deserves every chance to succeed and deserves the utmost respect.

Coaches can disagree in meetings but never in front of our players or anyone else outside of our family. Disagreements will be saved for private meetings.

Our players are student-athletes and we are teacher-coaches. We will hold ourselves accountable as teachers of young men and women and the lessons they need in order to navigate masculinity, femininity and life.

If I do not know, I will say so and get appropriate information. I won't bluff my players! They know the difference.

Parents are our partners. I will strive to work with each family in helping their child succeed. "Every boy is a son, every girl a daughter to their mother and father."

I will love our players and the other coaches.

I will use no profanity!

I know the difference between shaming and coaching. No screaming, shaming, swearing, or sarcasm.

I won't be afraid to apologize! We all make mistakes. When mistakes are made publicly, I will apologize publicly; when mistakes are made personally, I will apologize personally.

We are nurturing successful people, not just successful athletes.

I will treat all opposing coaches and their teams with honor deserving of true competitors.

I will respect all referees, officials, and timekeepers. They are imperfect and trying their best just as we are.

If an official dismisses me from a game, it will automatically result in an additional one game suspension.

Regardless of our wins and losses, we will be successful, if we carry out the above items.

Because I am a role model who has the power, position and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to our standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Signature

Date