

North Plainfield Recreation Department

Coach Code of Conduct

As a Coach in a Borough-sponsored program, I endorse the belief that **Sportsmanship Counts** in North Plainfield Recreation Sponsored Athletics & Activities. In keeping with this credo, I pledge that to the best of my ability I will:

- Always keep in mind that first and foremost that children participate in sports/activities to have fun.
- Always do my individual best to bring a sense of civility and sportsmanship to every practice and game. **Coaching is not a right but a privilege.**
- When referring to any of the players on our team, or to our opponents, that I will speak with the same respect that I know my own child(ren) deserve.
- Always keep in mind that I am representing the Borough of North Plainfield Borough and the North Plainfield Recreation Department & Parks Commission.
- Always demonstrate to participants that through my words and actions that winning does not equate to success in youth sports.
- Always delight in what makes a participant unique, and not focus on what he/she cannot or did not accomplish on the field of play.
- Always conduct myself in accordance with the true spirit and nature of **“Good Sportsmanship”**:
By accepting wins without gloating and accepting losses without complaining; and,
By treating every participant and our opponents, game officials, all coaches, program administrators, and the game itself with respect

I understand that as a coach in a Borough of North Plainfield-sponsored athletic program and activity, my behavior at all related events (games and practices) must be beyond reproach. I further understand that all instances of unacceptable behavior on my part, as well as any other violation of this code of conduct by me, is subject to review by the North Plainfield Recreation Commission and could result in my losing the privilege of attending future competitions. Serious violations may also run afoul of NJ State law (**P.L.2002, c.74. – Athletic Codes of Conduct**), and could result in criminal penalties.

***Any Coach or Asst. Coach that has previously been suspended or sanctioned by the North Plainfield Recreation Department & Parks Commission will be reviewed to being allowed to coach the next sport or event.**

Name of Coach (please print) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____