

Waldoboro Recreation Department

Coaches Code of Conduct

Whether engaged in adult or youth sports, all coaches are expected to:

1. Make safety the number one priority followed by sportsmanship as a close second.
2. Adhere to the highest standards of moral character, ethical behavior and leadership at all times.
3. Instill a sense of pride in all team players by praising their accomplishments and downplaying their weaknesses.
4. Respect the personality of all team members regardless of their playing ability.
5. Set team rules. Apply discipline fairly and consistently.
6. Educate players on the rules of the game both in letter and in spirit.
7. Quell all forms of disrespectful behavior including taunting, trash talking and intimidation.
8. Set a good example for players and spectators at all times. No coach shall: argue in front of participants and spectators, throw objects in disgust, belittle or embarrass a player or opponent, avoid shaking hands with officials and opposing players/coaches or otherwise bring discredit to themselves or the program. They shall demand the same of their players.
9. Show the utmost of respect towards officials even if in disagreement with their judgment. At no time will a coach make derogatory remarks towards a game official.
10. Exhibit modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
11. Not use profanity, obscene/obnoxious/abusive language, illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco while engaged in any team activity.

Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, can result in disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following: 1) Verbal warning by league management personnel, 2) Written warning, 3) Game suspension, 4) Removal from the program.