

WRA COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The WRA Mission Statement is as follows:

The purpose of the Corporation shall be to implant firmly in the boys and girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so they may be well-adjusted, stronger, and happier boys and girls, and will grow up to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy men and women. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or winning of the games is secondary and that the molding of future men and women is of primary importance.

2. Every coach must commit to furthering the WRA Mission Statement at all times while acting in his or her capacity as a coach.

3. Coaches shall instruct their players in the skills and theories of their sport using encouragement and positive reinforcement appropriate to the players' ages.

4. Coaches shall teach sportsmanship above all else and shall exercise good sportsmanship and respect when dealing with opposing coaches, opposing players, spectators, parents, referees, officials and umpires.

5. Coaches shall teach their players to win with grace and to lose with dignity. Taunting an opponent when winning or refusing to shake hands with an opponent after losing shall not be tolerated.

6. Coaches shall not argue with, yell at or threaten a referee, official or umpire and shall not permit his or her assistant or co-coaches or players to do so.

7. Coaches shall not speak ill of a player, coach, official, referee or umpire.

8. Coaches shall instruct and teach the skills and theories of the sport to every player on his or her team, regardless of the skill level or experience of any given player.

9. Coaches shall not criticize or ridicule a player for making a mistake, but shall rather instruct and encourage the player on the proper way to play the game.

10. Coaches shall make participation in WRA sports a fun and healthy experience for the players and shall not create an atmosphere of excessive pressure to win.