

Hope Church

2011-12 Coaches' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my Hope Team participating in ESCRA Youth Sports by following this Code of Ethics:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my team ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I insist that my team play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I understand the requirement to be trained and the responsibilities of being a coach and this Code of Ethics.
5. I will support opposing coaches and officials working with my team, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
6. I demand a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all games, practices, team cookouts, team get-togethers, team parties, etc. I will not smoke; I will not chew or dip smokeless tobacco; and I will not drink beer or liquor at team events.
7. I will not curse at any game, practice, team cookout, team get-together, team party or any other team event.
8. I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
9. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my team.
10. I will require my team to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, ethnic background or ability.
11. I will help my team enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful, assisting with officiating, or providing transportation.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____