

CITY OF LAS VEGAS



# YOUTH INDOOR VOLLEYBALL RULES & REGULATIONS



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# SECTION 1: GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

## A. Rulebook Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide all participants in the city of Las Vegas Park and Recreation Department youth volleyball program with an overview of our rules and regulations. All games are conducted in accordance with the current United States Volleyball Rules from the current year of the league and decisions as modified by the city of Las Vegas Park and Recreation Department. Any issues not specifically addressed in these guidelines will be governed by the League Facilitators. The Park and Recreation Department reserves the right to modify, adjust or omit any rule in this document that is deemed to enhance the quality of the program.

## B. Division Setup

Division	Birth Date
13U	Players born on or after September 1, 2003.
15U	Players born on or after September 1, 2001.

1. All players must fit within the established age definitions to participate in that division. They may be younger than the defined age, but at no time can a player participate that is older than the birthday cut off. Players may play up a division (with the approval of the League Coordinator) if the teams desires.
2. After the first game, players are not allowed to switch teams without the approval of the League Coordinator.
3. Coaches have one week to add a player to their team roster with prior approval of the League Coordinator. Team rosters may not be larger than 12 players.

## C. Eligibility

1. Each participant must have a waiver of claim signed by their parent or guardian and paid registration before League play.
2. It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the league if their child has/is recovering from an injury that requires a hard cast, metal brackets or an air cast.
3. All special requests must be submitted in writing to the League Coordinator. This request must be submitted within 24 hours of the coaches meeting.
4. City of Las Vegas staff may challenge a player's eligibility at any time during the duration of the league. If a team is found to be using an ineligible player, the player and coach may not be eligible for tournament play. All games that the ineligible player participated in will be subject to review. This may result in a possible forfeiture of games.

## D. Season Timeline

1. The first game for all divisions is scheduled to be played on 09/16/17 and with the last game of the season on 11/4/17. Playoffs are scheduled for 11/18/17.

*Please note that the timeline may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances that alter the availability of allocated court space.*

## **E. Jurisdiction**

### **1. COURTS**

Volleyball courts are allocated by the city of Las Vegas Park and Recreation Department for their prospective use; therefore, the city maintains jurisdiction over the courts and surrounding space during events. All participants of the city of Las Vegas Park and Recreation youth volleyball program will honor the rules and regulations along with employees and officials who are empowered to enforce them.

### **2. OFFICIAL'S AUTHORITY**

- a. The league shall make arrangements for the Game Officials.
- b. Coaches, spectators and players are reminded that the official is the authority in control of the game including the surrounding court area, from the time they arrive until the time they leave the facility. The official shall have the power to inflict penalties as herein prescribed. The official is authorized to enforce these rules and regulations in addition to United States Volleyball rules of the game. The City of Las Vegas Deputy Marshals shall be called to handle all incidents in the event of a conflict or problem.
- c. Only the team coach and/or captain may talk to officials. **NO ONE MAY MAKE DEROGATORY STATEMENTS TO OFFICIALS AFTER THE GAME.**
- d. The official shall have the power to order a player, coach, captain or manager to do, or omit to do any act which, in his/her judgement is necessary to give force and effect to any or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties as herein prescribed. **PROTESTS – Coaches must submit a check in the amount of \$50.00 to the City of Las Vegas, JUDGEMENT CALL BY OFFICIALS CANNOT BE PROTESTED!!!** See Protest and Grievance sections below.

## **F. Non-Player Conduct**

### **1. COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a. Each team must have one coach designated as the head coach, and may have up to one assistant coach. In the event that the head coach is ejected from the game, then the assistant coach will be designated as the head coach. A substitute coach may be granted with permission from the facility representative.
- b. Head coaches are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of their assistant coaches, players, and spectators affiliated with the team while participating in CLV sponsored leagues or events. This includes practice and games located at alternate facilities, courts, fields and parking lots. The City of Las Vegas Deputy Marshals shall be called to handle all incidents in the event of a conflict or problem. It is the Head Coach's responsibility to make sure the Assistant Coach is informed of all league rules and procedures.
- c. A maximum of (2) two coaches are allowed on the bench. Coaches must stay off the court and remain on their respective sideline bench area. Coaches must behave responsibly and may not shout at the officials or otherwise interfere with the game.
- d. If a coach is assigned to a team, he/she is responsible for that team/group of children and all business related to the team. The coach agrees to assume all responsibility of all team business and providing communication regarding the league to his team.
- e. Any coach removed from the game must leave the gym within the time specified by the Official.
- f. No voice amplification devices will be allowed.
- g. Alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- h. Coaches along with officials should make every effort to ensure the games are safe and fair.
- i. Failure to adhere to any of the rules stated could result in forfeiture of games and removal from participating in CLV sponsored leagues for a period of (1) one year.

- j. Unsportsmanship Conduct shall not be tolerated. Penalty may include suspension for two league games and probation for the remainder of the season as well as further review by the Rules Committee to determine if additional penalties are needed.
  - k. Note: Removal from the game is considered to constitute unsportsmanship conduct.
  - l. Both teams must line up for post-game handshakes prior to having a team meeting.
2. SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT
- All individuals who are not coaches, players, officials, or city of Las Vegas employees are considered to be spectators from the time they enter the court area until the time they leave. This league is designed to promote fun and fundamentals. Below are some simple rules that should be observed by spectators:
- a. Shouting at players from the sidelines is not permitted; it is the coach's responsibility to direct the players.
  - b. Avoid obvious displays of anger.
  - c. Display good sportsmanship.
  - d. Do not shout insults at the official. The official has the authority to stop the game if the crowd becomes discourteous.
  - e. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, smoking and/or tobacco are permitted at any game.
  - f. Non-playing children must be supervised at all times.
  - g. Posted facility rules for field use apply; this includes no pets on the court.
3. PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT/PLEDGE
- a. Parents are encouraged to cheer for their child's team. They should refrain from any disparaging or discouraging comments.
  - b. As the parent of a child playing in this league I promise to:
    - i. Be Supportive
    - ii. Be Involved
    - iii. Be in Attendance
    - iv. Be Positive
    - v. Be a Good Example
    - vi. Be Respectful

## **G. Court Rules**

There are rules and guidelines that all coaches, parents, players, and spectators must follow within the court and surrounding park area:

- a. All games will be played on a court marked by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- b. After each game, coaches are responsible for cleaning their bench area.
- c. Do not leave personal items unattended. The city of Las Vegas is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- d. Appropriate attire must be worn at all times. This includes appropriate shirts, shorts/pants and shoes.
- e. Inappropriate language or gestures are not tolerated and may result in removal from the gym. Any use of profanity on the court and/or bench area shall result in an automatic Red Card (point and Serve to the opposing team).

## **H. Suspended or Postponed Games**

In the event a game is not completed for any reason (including insufficient players or abandonment or termination by the official); all relevant facts must be submitted to the Volleyball League Sub-Committee. The facility representative has the option to:

1. Schedule the game to be replayed, thus nullifying the original game.

2. Continue playing the game at a later date with the score and elapsed time starting as it was when the game was terminated or abandoned.
3. Accept the score of the game at the moment it ended as the final score.
4. Award both teams a tie.
5. Award one team a win and the other a loss.

The facility representative's decision is final and under no circumstances can a game be protested by a coach, spectator or player.

## **I. Quality of Officials**

All officials have different styles of officiating and different levels of experience. Coaches, spectators and players must make allowance for these differences and realize that officials are part of the game. The final outcome of a game is rarely determined by an official's actions or inactions. Any concerns regarding officiating should be filtered through the head coach of the team and discussed with either the facility representative or the Volleyball League Sub-Committee at an appropriate time. Officials will consist of city of Las Vegas employees and/or contracted officials.

## **J. Equipment**

### **1. PLAYERS'S EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Team jersey/t-shirts will be provided by the teams. Each player must wear the team provided jersey/t-shirt during league or tournament play. Uniforms must be like in color and have a visible number. Libero uniform must be completely different in color and stand out for easy official recognition. Participants must play in athletic shorts. No blue jeans or skirts will be permitted. All participants must wear athletic shoes at all times. No street shoes will be permitted.
- b. A player may not wear anything that could be dangerous to themselves or to another player, including orthopedic casts (even if cushioned) metal brackets or an air cast, rings, watches, jewelry, and hair clips. Hair ties must be soft in texture. Exception: Prescription eyeglasses that appear to be reasonably safe.
- c. A player with blood, even if dried, on their uniform will not be allowed to participate until a new uniform is provided or until the blood is removed from the uniform.
- d. If a player is wearing an ineligible uniform the city of Las Vegas reserves the right to allow that player to participate in the game as a legal player if they feel it is safe and fair to do so. Officials, coaches and game monitors should be notified if a player is out of uniform before the player enters the game. A game cannot be protested due to a player being out of uniform. City of Las Vegas and game officials are the sole determining factor whether a player is deemed eligible or ineligible.

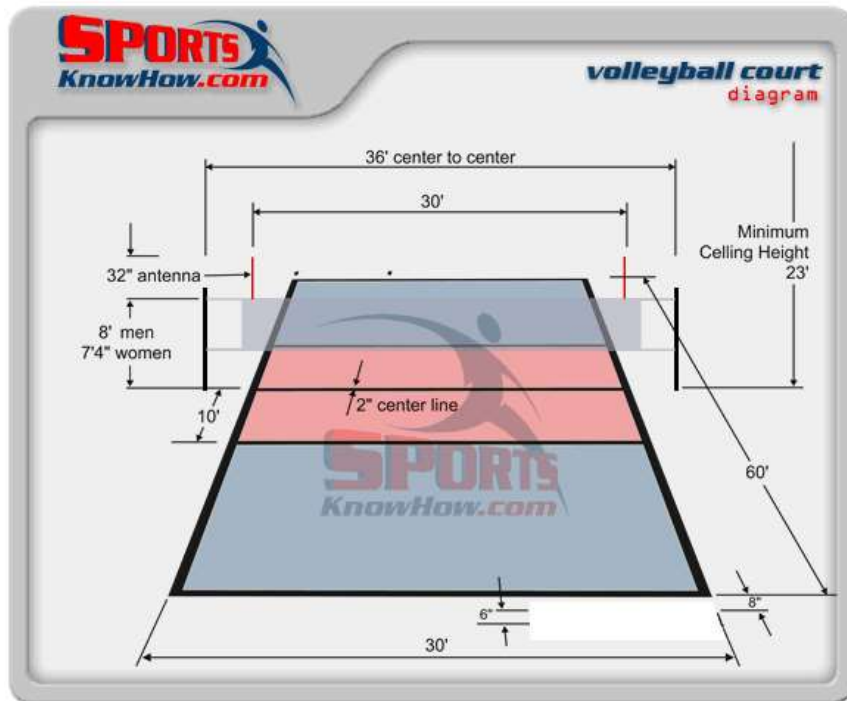
### **2. GAME BALLS**

Game balls are provided by the city of Las Vegas Park and Recreation Department on game days. This is the ball that will be used for the duration of all league play. Teams are not to use their own balls at any time (even if the coaches "agree" on a different ball). Teams are responsible for providing their own warmup balls before games.

## SECTION II: GAME-PLAY INFORMATION

### A. The Field of Play

The overall measurements for a Volleyball court are 60 feet by 30 feet. Each side of the court is therefore 30 feet by 30 feet. Court sizes are subject to change at the league's discretion.



### B. Number of Players and Forfeits

1. A team must have six players on the court at all times for any/all divisions. Teams must start each match with at least six players. Games will not start with less than the minimum of required players.
2. If a team does not have six players on the court ready to play at game time, the official will start a stop watch. For every minute after the watch has begun, a point will be awarded to the opponent.
  - a. After 15 minutes, the first set will be awarded to the opponent, 25 – 0.
  - b. If the late team is able to field a full team within the time, the game will begin with the score; number of minutes late to 0 and continue as a regular game.
  - c. If after another 15 minutes, second set will be awarded to the opponent 25 – 0, and match will be over.
3. Both teams must finish the game with a minimum of six eligible players.
4. After the third forfeit, a team will be removed from the schedule and will not participate in the playoffs.

### C. Length of Playing Matches: Playing Time

1. Amount of play time is up to team and/or coach.
2. Each match will be 2 out of 3 sets to 25 points.
3. No cap on any set (meaning the score will continue until the winner is determined by scoring 25 points AND scoring 2 more points than the opponent).
4. If each team wins a set, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and deciding set will be played to 15 points, with winner being the team that scores 15 points AND scores 2 more points than the opponent.
  - a. With the 3<sup>rd</sup> and deciding set, teams will switch sides after 1 team scores 8 points.
  - b. After switching sides, teams will stay in the same rotation formation and the game will continue immediately.
    - i. This is not a time to take a time out and “talk” to your team.

- c. Teams will only switch the one time, after switching, the remainder of the set will be played with teams on the final side.

## D. Rule Modifications

### For Only U13 or Younger – Serving Modification

1. Server may step into the court while attempting to serve.
  - a. On first attempt of serving opportunity may step up to 5 feet into court.
  - b. On next serve; of same serving opportunity; may only step 2 feet into court.
  - c. For 3<sup>rd</sup> and any serve after; during same serving opportunity; must stay behind serving line.
    - i. If on 3<sup>rd</sup> or more serve, server steps on or over line, it will be called a foot fault and point serve will go to opponent.
2. Distance will be at the judgment of the official and may vary from official to official and match to match.

## E. Suspensions

1. Officials have the ability to administer “cards”, to players or coaches.
  - a. Minor misconduct offences are not subject to sanctions. It is the referee’s duty to prevent the teams from approaching the sanctioning level. This is done in two stages:
    - i. Stage 1: by issuing a verbal warning through the game captain or coach.
    - ii. Stage 2: by use of a YELLOW CARD to the team member(s) concerned. This formal warning is not in itself a sanction but a symbol that the team member (and by extension the team) has reached the sanctioning level for the match. It is recorded in the score sheet but has no immediate consequences.
  - iii. Incorrect conduct by a team member towards officials, opponents, team-mates or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offence.
    1. Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles.
    2. Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
    3. Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behavior.
  - iv. According to the judgment of the referee and depending on the seriousness of the offence, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are: Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.
    1. Penalty D11 (6b) The first rude conduct in the match by any team member is penalized with a point and service to the opponent.
    2. Expulsion D11 (7) 21.3.2.1 A team member who is sanctioned by expulsion shall not play for the rest of the set, must be substituted legally and immediately if on court and must remain seated in the penalty area with no other consequences.
    3. D1a, D1b An expelled coach loses his/her right to intervene in the set and must remain seated in the penalty area.
    4. The first offensive conduct by a team member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences.
    5. The second rude conduct in the same match by the same team member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences.
    6. Disqualification D11 (8) 21.3.3.1 A team member who is sanctioned by disqualification must be substituted legally and immediately if on court and must leave the Competition-Control Area for the rest of the match with no other consequences.
    7. The first physical attack or implied or threatened aggression is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.
    8. The second offensive conduct in the same match by the same team member is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.
    9. The third rude conduct in the same match by the same team member is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.



v. APPLICATION OF MISCONDUCT SANCTIONS

1. All misconduct sanctions are individual sanctions, remain in force for the entire match and are recorded on the score sheet.
2. The repetition of misconduct by the same team member in the same match is sanctioned progressively (the team member receives a heavier sanction for each successive offence).
3. Expulsion or disqualification due to offensive conduct or aggression does not require a previous sanction.

vi. MISCONDUCT BEFORE AND BETWEEN SETS

1. Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to Rule 21.3 and sanctions apply in the following set.

vii. SUMMARY OF MISCONDUCT AND CARDS USED

1. Warning: no sanction
    - a. Stage 1: verbal warning
    - b. Stage 2: symbol Yellow card
  2. Penalty: sanction – symbol Red card
  3. Expulsion: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow cards jointly
  4. Disqualification: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow card separately
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2. Players or coaches who kick, throw, or damage equipment will be ejected from the game, and must exit the facility within (1) one minute. Staff will determine if the player or coach will be allowed to continue participation in the league.
  3. Anyone ejected from a game for any reason will be automatically suspended for the next scheduled league or tournament game.
  4. Players who participate in a fight whether physical or verbal will automatically be suspended for two games.
  5. Any player or coach who verbally harasses or threatens an official or staff member before, after, or during a game, will be suspended a full calendar year from the date of the incident. CLV Deputy Marshals will be called immediately.
  6. Any player or coach who pushes, harasses, or threatens an official or staff member before, after, or during a game will be suspended for one calendar year from the date of the incident. Assault charges will also be filed with the Metropolitan Police Department.
  7. A player or coach may be ejected from a game without following “cards” procedure, depending on the severity of the offense.
  8. Any player ejected from two games in the same season, for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
  9. Any altercations before, during, or after a game held at any facility in which games or practice take place will be considered as a violation of league conduct. This includes all interior and exterior grounds as well as the parking lot. The final whistle does not mean any person may belittle or degrade officials, league participants, spectators, and team coaches or staff members. Only the team coach may submit official protest on behalf of the team.

## **F. League & Post Season Tournament Play**

1. The number of teams participating in the league will determine the number of teams advancing to the Post Season tournament.
2. The Post Season tournament will consist of a single elimination tournament.
3. A tie in standing will be decided by the following:
  - a. Head to head wins.

- b. Coin toss.

## **G. Miscellaneous**

1. No video devices will be used to reverse calls or decisions made by game Referees.
2. Any rule not specifically covered in the Volleyball rules will be the interpretation of game Referees and City of Las Vegas Staff.
4. Only parents are allowed to take pictures and/or video tape their own child.
5. Pictures may be taken by a City of Las Vegas Staff member and/or representative for marketing and advertising purposes.

## **SECTION III: Other Volleyball Information**

### **A. Protest Rule:**

1. To file a protest, a coach must inform the referee and the official CLV staff member that a protest is being filed and the reason. A protested game must be declared before the game time has expired. See Grievance Procedures below.
2. This information will be recorded on the score-sheet.

### **B. No Tolerance Stance**

The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation has taken a NO TOLERANCE STANCE toward any un-sportsman like act or conduct. Any player, coach, parent or spectator displaying actions that are detrimental to the environment of the program will be removed from the game area, no questions asked. Further action or suspension from Recreation Division activities could be levied as determined by review of the Department of Parks and recreation and the City of Las Vegas. Abusive and disruptive behavior towards staff and clients will not be tolerated. You will be asked to vacate the premises.

### **C. Nevada Revised Statute**

NRS 100.300 Intimidating public officer, public employee, juror, referee, arbitrator, appraiser, assessor or similar person.

1. A person shall not, directly or indirectly, address any threat or intimidation to a public officer, public employee, juror, referee, arbitrator, appraiser, assessor or any person authorized by law to hear or determine any controversy or matter, with the intent to induce such a person contrary to his or her duty to do, make, omit or delay an act, decision or determination, if the threat or intimidation communicates the intent, either immediately or in the future:
  - a. To cause bodily injury to any person;
  - b. To cause physical damage to the property of any person other than the person addressing the threat or intimidation;
  - c. To subject any person other than the person addressing the threat or intimidation to physical confinement or restraint; or
  - d. To do any other act which is not otherwise authorized by law and is intended to harm substantially any person other than the person addressing the threat or intimidation with respect to the person's health, safety, business, financial condition or personal relationships.
2. The provisions of this section must not be construed as prohibiting a person from making any statement in good faith of an intention to report any misconduct or malfeasance by a public officer or employee.
3. A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of:
  - a. If physical force or the immediate threat of physical force is used in the course of the intimidation or in the making of the threat:  
For a first offense, a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130

For a second or subsequent offense, a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 10 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

- b. If no physical force or immediate threat of physical force is used in the course of the intimidation or in the making of the threat, a gross misdemeanor.
4. As used in this section, "public employee" means any person who performs public duties for compensation paid by the state, a county, city, local government or other political subdivision of the state or an agency thereof, including, without limitation, a person who performs a service for compensation pursuant to a contract with the state, county, city, local government or other subdivision of the state or an agency thereof.

NRS 203.119

## **D. City of Las Vegas Municipal Code**

Chapter 10.45 – Conduct at Athletic Events

Chapter 10.45.20 – Prohibited Conduct

It is unlawful for an attendee of an athletic event, which is held within the City to engage in any of the following acts:

- a. Interfere with, disrupt, or interrupt the athletic event.
- b. Throw any article, including without limitation missiles, rocks, bottles, cups, glasses, drinking receptacles, and ice, at any of the participants or officials of the athletic event, or into the area in which the participants and or officials are conducting the athletic event.
- c. Discharge any fireworks or firecrackers on the premises of the athletic event.
- d. Enter upon the area in which the participants and officials are conducting the athletic event, when the event is in progress.
- e. Engage in any physical altercation with any of the participants, officials, or other attendees during the progress of the athletic event or immediately after the conclusion of the event.
- f. Injure or destroy any property, which belongs to the facility in which the athletic event is held.
- g. Bring any alcoholic or other beverage, glass bottles, or metal can containers, into the premises, excluding the parking areas, in which the athletic event is held. (ORD.3034 AND 3.1983)

## **SECTION IV: Grievance Procedures**

The Regulations in the Grievance Procedures, shall apply to all city of Las Vegas Youth Sports Leagues.

### **A. Grievance Committee**

The grievance committee shall consist of no less than three persons, including a committee chair, in order to adjudicate grievances. The members of the committee may be the same as, or different in whole or part from, the committee first approved.

### **B. Grievance**

1. An action taken by a team official indicating disagreement with the interpretation and/or implementation of rules, regulations, or league purpose. Judgment calls by the referee cannot be protested.
2. Any grievance against an individual or team may only be filed by (a) the Coach of the team who has competed in a game where the alleged violation occurred, or (b) City youth league representative.

Any grievance alleging a violation by an individual or team during competition must be filed in writing with the CLV Youth Sports Grievance Committee Chair. A Grievance Fee of \$50.00 must accompany each grievance (check or money order) payable to "City of Las Vegas" and paid at the center in which you participate. The grievance must be filed within 24 hours after the official was informed. Protest fees will be assessed per incident, player, and coach or rule interpretation. Failure to submit a written protest and the

\$50.00 payment within 24 hours will result in cancellation of any filed protest at the game site. Protest fees are non-refundable regardless of outcome.

3. In the event of an eligibility disqualification, the team will remain eligible to participate and retain points received up to the disqualification, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue.

### **C. Grievance Committee Action**

1. Following the receipt of a grievance and as soon as reasonable, the Grievance committee shall investigate the alleged violation as it deems appropriate. If the Committee deems necessary, it shall arrange for a hearing at which the parties involved shall have the opportunity to present evidence.
2. The Grievance Committee shall have the power to dismiss or deny the grievance or to direct the correction of any violations by reasonable means, including the suspension of an individual or team. This is applicable to any party to the grievance as long as such party has been given the opportunity to review and present evidence.
3. The Grievance Committee shall prepare a written decision setting forth the basis for its decision and the deadline for any written appeal and promptly send copies to the parties involved.
4. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be by majority vote.

## **COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS**

I hereby pledge to live up to the Coaches Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice first-aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

*\*National Youth Sports Coaches Association*