



# LINCOLN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT



As a Lincoln Youth Basketball Association coach, I understand and commit to upholding the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethics, and fair play. My primary focus will be on teaching valuable life lessons through the sport of basketball while instilling the principles of respect, integrity, and self-control. To ensure a positive and enriching experience for our young athletes, I pledge to adhere to the following Coach's Code of Conduct:

1. Lead by Example:
  - a. I will serve as a positive role model for my players, always demonstrating good sportsmanship, respect, and ethical behavior.
  - b. I will refrain from using profanity, derogatory language, or unsportsmanlike conduct during games, practices, and interactions with players, parents, officials, and opposing teams.
2. Focus on Skill Development:
  - a. My primary goal will be to help each player develop their basketball skills to the best of their abilities, regardless of their current level of talent or experience.
  - b. I will create a positive learning environment that encourages players to improve, take risks, and grow as individuals and as part of a team.
3. Promote Fair Play and Sportsmanship:
  - a. I will emphasize the importance of fair play, honesty, and respect for the game's rules.
  - b. I will encourage my players to respect the opposing team, coaches, officials, and spectators, win or lose.
4. Control What You Can Control:
  - a. I will focus on aspects of the game that are within our control, such as effort, attitude, and teamwork, rather than external factors like officiating or opponents' actions.
  - b. I will maintain composure and remain composed, even in challenging situations.
5. Provide Equal Opportunities:
  - a. I will ensure that all players have the opportunity to participate and develop their skills, regardless of their skill level or background.
  - b. I will treat all players fairly and equally, avoiding favoritism or discrimination.
  - c. It is understood that equal opportunity does not translate to equal playing time
6. Communicate Effectively:
  - a. I will maintain open and respectful communication with players, parents, officials, and fellow coaches.
  - b. I will provide constructive feedback and address any concerns or issues promptly and professionally.
  - c. I will be open to receiving constructive feedback and addressing these concerns or issues promptly and professionally.
7. Prioritize Safety and Well-being:
  - a. I will take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of my players during practices, games, and other team activities.



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- b. I will follow established guidelines for injury prevention and management.
8. Uphold the Association's Values:
  - a. I will align my coaching practices with the values and mission of the Lincoln Youth Basketball Association.
  - b. I will support the league's efforts to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth.
9. Continuous Learning:
  - a. I will continually seek opportunities to improve my coaching skills and knowledge, staying up-to-date with best practices and advancements in basketball.
10. Respect the Game:
  - a. I will show reverence for basketball and teach my players to do the same, emphasizing its rich history and traditions.

By following this Coach's Code of Conduct, I acknowledge my role in shaping the character and development of young athletes in the Lincoln Youth Basketball Association. I understand that my actions and behavior have a lasting impact on these players, and I am committed to providing them with a positive and enriching basketball experience.

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature