



## CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT FOR COACHES

I hereby pledge to live up to the following code set forth by the NAYS and the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire.
2. I will treat each player as an individual, understanding the large range of social, emotional and physical development of children within the same age group.
3. I will provide a safe and healthy environment for all of my players.
4. I promise to review and practice basic first aid needed to treat hurt or injured players.
5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players.
6. I will model and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or team event.
7. I will demand that my players and parents/spectators demonstrate good sportsmanship and represent our team and league in upstanding fashion.
8. 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.
9. I will be knowledgeable in the rules of play for each sport that I coach (including any special or local rules). I will teach these rules to my players. I will follow these rules at all times and demand that anyone involved with my team does so as well.
10. I will use coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach and are appropriate for the age group of the players.
11. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
12. I will accept responsibility for and demand that the players, parents/spectators and other coaches from my team respect and follow the rules of the facilities granted to the league.
13. I will treat referees, opposing coaches, opposing players, league officials, and all fans with respect. I will refrain from openly and publicly criticizing the aforementioned individuals at all times.
14. I understand that I am responsible to hold my players, parents/spectators to the same standards of respect for others detailed in #13.
15. I will use appropriate language and display appropriate behavior at all times.
16. I understand that the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department reserves the right to conduct thorough criminal background checks of all youth sports coaches under its auspices. I will comply with and submit any/all information needed to complete said background check. (See separate form).
17. I agree to accept full responsibility in the event that I, my players or my parents/spectators are in violation or breach of this code and that this code applies to them as well.

### IMAGE RELEASE

I consent and hereby grant the Town of Hamburg Recreation Department, its officers, agents, employees and assigns the right to take photographs of me in connection with my role as a volunteer coach. I understand that this photograph and/or digital reproduction may be utilized for all publication processes, whether electronic, print, digital, or electronic publishing via the internet. I understand that I will not receive payment from any party.



By signing this form, I agree to abide by the Town of Hamburg Youth Sports Code of Conduct above and accept the Image Release. In addition, I agree to complete the Background Check form to confirm my eligibility as a coach of youth sports.

Print your FULL name: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST**

**M.I.**

**LAST**

**Signature**

**Date**