

DuPage Youth Travel Basketball League (DYTBL)  
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT  
2008-2009

- I understand that my responsibilities as a travel coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach.
- I understand that many children participate in sports for numerous different reasons, and that the number one reason is to have fun and develop all of my players!
- I understand that as a youth coach I am obligated to honor the games, rules, opponents, officials, teammates and self, and to teach players to do the same.

**Therefore, by participating as a travel coach, I will adhere to the following Codes.**

**A. I will create an appropriate environment for our children that:**

1. Focuses on safety, fun, skill development, and education.
2. Has a positive lasting impact on the children of our community.
3. Promotes building character and learning life skills.
4. De-emphasizes a win at all costs attitude.
5. Is fair, consistent, and best meets the emotional and physical needs of all children.
6. Builds a culture where winning is not defined by outcome of competition, but by the individual needs of all the children. Athletes first, winning second.

**B. I will act responsible and do my best to assure that:**

1. I properly educate players the importance of teamwork, effort, having fun, and playing fair while properly instructing age appropriate fundamentals and skills.
2. I provide players with the best education, instruction and organization possible by attending required meetings, clinics and certifications.
3. I am familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program. I strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents.
4. I will cooperate with the DYTBL Coordinators in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
5. I will provide a healthy and safe environment for my players, which are in accordance with the DYTBL league safety procedures. I will provide a safe instruction and use of playing equipment.

**C. I will display appropriate behavior.**

**I understand that violations of the following codes will jeopardize my teams privileges to participate in the DYTBL.**

1. I will treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent or DYTBL coordinator with respect and dignity, and refrain from using profanity, intimidation tactics and inappropriate language.
2. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
3. I will display appropriate behavior towards, and in the presence of, children.

**D. Terminal behavior.**

I understand that violation of the following codes will result in immediate termination of my teams privileges to participate in the DYTBL.

1. I will never coach under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
2. I will never initiate or participate in any form of verbal or physical assault on any DYTBL coordinator volunteer, parent or child.

The DuPage Youth Travel Basketball League (DYTBL) reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action involving any coach in violation of the code of conduct.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do by best too fulfill the promises made herein.

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Coach Name (Print)

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Team and Level

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Coach Signature

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Date