

Pooler Recreation Coaches' Code of Ethics

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- 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 will promise to review and practice the basic 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 of 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 each of the skills that I teach
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and the game is for the children and not the adults

Athletic Coaches Policies

- Head coaches must report to the Pooler Police department and complete a form for a background check. The report will be reviewed by the Chief of Police and he will make any recommendation that may be necessary. The report will NOT be reviewed by Pooler Recreation Staff.
- All coaches (Head and Assistant) must complete a Volunteer Registration form. All coaches must sign off on, and agree to the Pooler Recreation Department's coach's policies and ethics forms
- All head coaches must attend required the preseason coaches' meeting and clinic each year, in each sport he or she wishes to coach. Failure to do so may result in the loss of his or her team
- All head and assistant coaches must be approved by the Pooler Recreation. No head coach or assistant coach may change teams without prior approval of the Pooler Recreation.
- Coaches should be cooperative and respectful when dealing with fellow coaches, officials, Pooler Recreation staff, parents and spectators.
- Coaches should follow all league rules and guidelines. Any coach that chooses not to do so, may be suspended or subject to the loss of his or her team.
- No coach may coach for more than one team, during a single sport season without prior approval of the Pooler Recreation Department.
- Any coach having knowledge of players in a league or tournament under the Pooler Recreation Department under false age or identification will be suspended indefinitely
- All coaches are responsible for collecting and returning any equipment issued, no later than two weeks after their last game.
- Players will wear the uniforms and utilize the equipment issued by the Pooler Recreation during all games. Defective equipment or uniforms must be reported to the staff. Players or teams not in properly issued uniforms will not be allowed to participate and/or will forfeit the game.
- Any head coach or assistant coach acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any manner that could prove detrimental to leagues, players, officials, other coaches, or a spectator, will be subject to disciplinary actions by the Recreation Department. Disciplinary action may consist of a verbal warning, a one game suspension, to indefinite suspension from Pooler Park(s), and/or criminal charges. Examples of detrimental behavior are listed below:
 - **Abusive or threatening language**
 - **Touching or striking a coach, official, player, or staff member**

- **Unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event**
- **Ejection from game or activity**
- **Damage to Recreation Property**
- (Any action deemed detrimental by Pooler Recreation Staff)

A coach must adhere to the policies and regulations outlined in the Athletic handbook, as issued by the Pooler Recreation Department. Failure to do so will result in termination or suspension from coaching with this department for a period of time to be determined by the Pooler Recreation Department Director and staff.