

## City of Gonzales Coaching Contract

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right to participate in sports.
- II. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability
- III. Right to have qualified adult leadership
- IV. Right to play as a child and not as an adult
- V. Right of children to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation.
- VI. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments
- VII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sport
- VIII. Right to equal opportunity to strive for success
- IX. Right to be treated with dignity
- X. Right to have fun in sports

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the code of ethics for coaches as given next.

1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, officials, parents and administrators with dignity, based on the four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, and strategies of my sport.
3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport as published by the league.
4. I will become familiar with the objectives of the sports program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and parents.
5. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contest in which I coach, and will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of all my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have the maximum opportunity to achieve success.
7. I will conduct my practices and contests so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.

8. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
9. I will cooperate with the administrator of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations and in the evaluation process for coaches, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
10. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults.
11. I will refrain from the use of profanity towards any individuals.
12. I will not tolerate the use of profanity whether it is toward a coach, player, opponent or league official.
13. I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
14. I will not use drug, alcohol or tobacco while in contact with players or on any property that the City of Gonzales is using.
15. I will always be alert for any signs that would indicate a safety hazard.
16. I will report any suspicious or concerning behavior of any participants to the City of Gonzales Recreation Coordinator.

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privileges to participate as a volunteer for the City of Gonzales. Suspension times are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense:** suspension for a minimum of one (1) game
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** suspension for a minimum of one (1) season
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** suspension for a minimum of one (1) year

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

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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Director's Signature