

## VI. D.A.D. Coach Oath of Conduct

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(For Coaches of New York and Connecticut Leagues)

This form to accompany all rosters

1. I acknowledge that children participate to have fun, and the game is for the youth, not adults
2. I (and my Assistants) will be positive Orthodox Christian role models for our children, and I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy.
3. I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would be considered unsportsmanlike.
4. I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to violence and hostility.
5. I will encourage my child(ren) to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color or ability.
6. I will teach my child(ren) that doing one's best is more important than winning.
7. I will praise my child(ren) for competing fairly.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or others for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will emphasize to my child(ren) skill development and practice over winning.
10. I will promote the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of the participants ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child(ren) to win.

Adapted from the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation

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Signature of Coach

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Print Name

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Parish Name and Location