

Decatur Youth Football Coach's Commitment Pledge

I hereby pledge to provide commitment, care, and encouragement for my team and myself by following this Coach's Commitment Pledge:

1. The coach will not criticize the players in front of spectators.
2. The coach will accept the decisions of officials.
3. The coach will not criticize the officials, the opposing team, the other coaches, fans, or parents through language or gestures.
4. The coach will emphasize that good athletes are diligent students and are both physically and mentally alert.
5. The coach will strive to make every football activity serve as a training ground for life and as a basis for good mental and physical health.
6. The coach will emphasize that winning a game is the result of teamwork.
7. The coach shall not use abusive or profane language in front of anyone connected with the game.
8. The coach will refrain from "running up" the score against an opponent. This includes keeping in the first defense always.
9. The coach shall not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
10. The coach will set an example in personal conduct always.
11. The coach will not smoke or use any form of tobacco while on the field of play during games, scrimmages, or practices.
12. The coach will learn the strengths and weaknesses of his/her players to place them into situations where each has a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
13. The coach will protect the health and safety of his/ her players by insisting that all the activities under his/her control be conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than the interests of adults.

Sportsmanship is: Moral behavior in sports. There is more to sportsmanship than simply being nice. You also must understand why some actions are right or wrong. Sportsmanship is a learned behavior. It does not happen by itself.

Coach's signature: _____

Name Printed: _____ Date: _____

Note: To participate in Decatur Youth Football Program, this form must be signed and dated. Failure of the player to read and sign the Players Commitment will automatically render the player ineligible to participate in activities home or away. In addition, by signing this player commitment, players agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. Violation of any of the guidelines set forth above will automatically render the player unable to participate or attend any Decatur Youth Football sponsored event (home or away).