Northvale Recreation
Coaches Code of Conduct

Northvale Recreation offers recreational and sports activities for the benefit of children and all participants involved in our programs. As a community, we believe that our coaches should adhere to the highest ethical standards of fair play and sportsmanship.

Northvale Recreation has developed this "Coaches Code of Conduct" to promote positive coaching that encourages players to win while also learning important life lessons and developing positive character traits.

As a Coach or Assistant Coach:

- I will promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship, and that recreation is fun. I will put the best interests of the entire program ahead of individual desires.
- I will treat all participants with respect and avoid negative criticism, giving positive encouragement and directions to players during games.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the value of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will see that "all kids will play an equal amount of time" regardless of skill level.
- I will always play by the rules and respect the game officials and their authority.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team, allow them to give me feedback, solicit their active support, and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, opponent, or official either in person or through email or online posting.
- I will not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs during any recreation program.
- I will never knowingly permit an injured player to return to the game without proper medical attention.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warming issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).

2. Written warning issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).
3. Immediate ejection from the current youth sports event issued by the Program Commissioner and/or the Northvale Recreation Chairperson (NRC).

I can appeal any action taken against me by the Northvale Recreation Committee by submitting a complaint/appeals form in writing to the Borough Hall and attending a disciplinary meeting set up by the Northvale Recreation Disciplinary Committee within two weeks of submitting my appeal. If I do not agree with the outcome, I can forward my appeal to the Mayor and Council for a final appeals process.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The game will be stopped by the official when a parent, spectator or participant displays inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior which interferes with the progress of the game. The official will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing them from the spectators' viewing area and/or game area. Once removed, play will resume. If a coach is asked to be removed by the official, the assistant coach will step up as coach for the remainer of the game. If the assistant coach, is asked to be removed by the official, the head coach will continue as coach for the remainer of the game. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time WILL NOT be made up and violators will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Northvale Recreation Committee. Inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include but not be limited to taunting, cursing, fighting, threatening physical violence, destruction of equipment and/or property.