



### **Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley Athletics Coach Pledge**

Coaches are critical to providing kids with early positive experiences in sport and play. Coaches help kids to develop confidence and skills, both on and off the playing field. As a coach, you are responsible for the physical and emotional safety and wellbeing of your players while they are under your guidance.

#### **As a BGCUV Athletics Coach I pledge to:**

- Hold a parent meeting to discuss my coaching philosophy and expectations.
- Model and teach players to respect all aspects of the game: coaches, officials, opponents, teammates, and site supervisors.
- Put the development of my players above the desire to win.
- Reward effort, not just good outcomes. Recognize players even for “unsuccessful” efforts.

#### **Game Management:**

- BGCUV Athletics games are part of the development zone. The development zone requires an environment conducive to learning. A learning environment allows for a positive youth sport experience for everyone involved in the game.
- I will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all BGCUV Athletics rules, policies, and procedures.
- I will represent BGCUV Athletics in a professional manner at all times, including during adversity or when things are not going my way.
- Self-control is the key; kids and parents are watching me and will follow my actions.
- As a coach, I will meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing team coach to set the correct tone for the event before the contest.

#### **Conduct:**

I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.

- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun playing sports.
- I will treat all players and coaches on both teams with respect and avoid negative criticism. Public criticism of players and coaches is unethical.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.

I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.

- I will see that all kids play evenly in every game regardless of skill level.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games. Public criticism of officials is unethical.
- I will refrain from inappropriately addressing, threatening, or harassing a coach, player, official or site supervisor before, during or after the game.

- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, official or site supervisor.
- I will report to BGCUV Athletics Director any perceived misconduct by coaches, players, parents, officials or site supervisors so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.
- I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or other drugs when at any BGCUV Athletics game or practice location.
- I understand that anyone (coach, player, or spectator) who demonstrates unruly behavior (i.e., insulting, profane, threatening) or substantially interferes with the orderly operation of the game will be asked to leave the premises. Upon ejection from an event, the offender may be subject to suspension for the rest of the sporting season.

**Adopting these philosophies and actions will contribute to a positive, character-building youth sports experience for all the players in the BGCUV Athletics program. Thank you for all your time and effort as a BGCUV Athletics volunteer coach.**

**Conduct outside of the BGCUV Athletics pledge will require a compliance meeting with BGCUV Athletics staff to review and evaluate adherence to the BGCUV Athletics Coach Pledge and to determine future actions and possible consequences.**

**I pledge to observe, practice, and uphold the BGCUV Athletics Coaches Pledge.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_