



Recreation

MINISTRY

Coach's Covenant

I will display a Christ-like attitude and spirit in all aspects of practice and game play, refraining from murmuring and complaining.

I will pray for myself and my team members; that we would honor the Lord through our attitudes and actions.

I will share the gospel of Christ with my team members and their families, as well as regularly have age-appropriate team devotions.

I will focus on having fun and creating an atmosphere of recreation and fellowship among my team members and their families, putting these ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will ensure that anyone who plays on my team is properly registered with the Recreation Ministry prior to participating.

I will abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other such substances which may be a stumbling block to others.

I will submit to the authority of Bellevue's leadership, as well as that of the game officials who have been placed in a position of authority over me. I will not argue calls with umpires/referees, and will make every reasonable attempt to keep my team's players and fans from doing so, being the first to reprimand unsportsmanlike behavior.

I will seek to use Biblical principles of peacemaking to resolve any conflict with another coach, referee, player or spectator.

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Biblical Peacemaking

Personal Peacemaking

- Whenever we are faced with conflict, our primary goal will be to glorify God with our thoughts, words and actions (1 Cor. 10:31).
- We will try to get the “logs” out of our own eyes before focusing on what others may have done wrong (Matt. 7:3-5).
- We will seek to overlook minor offenses (Prov. 19:11).
- We will refrain from all gossip, backbiting and slander (Eph. 4:29). If we have a problem with others, we will talk *to* them, not *about* them.
- We will make “charitable judgments” toward one another by believing the best about each other until we have facts that prove otherwise (1 Cor. 13:7).
- If an offense is too serious to overlook, or if we think someone may have something against us, we will go promptly to seek reconciliation (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15).
- When we offer a word of correction to others, we will do so graciously and gently, with the goal of serving and restoring them, rather than beating them down (Prov. 12:18; Eph. 4:29; Gal. 6:1).
- When someone tries to correct us, we will ask God to help us resist prideful defensiveness and to welcome correction with humility (Ps. 141:5; Prov. 15:32).
- When others repent, we will ask God to give us grace to forgive them as he has forgiven us (Eph. 4:32).
- When we discuss or negotiate substantive issues, we will look out for others’ interests as well as our own (Phil. 2:3-4).

Assisted Peacemaking

- When two of us cannot resolve a conflict privately, we will seek the mediation of the Recreation Staff and listen humbly to their counsel (Matt. 18:16-17; Phil. 4:2-3). If our dispute is with the Recreation Staff, we will look to the Biblical Guidance Ministry for assistance.

I fully understand my responsibilities to uphold these principles of conduct and peacemaking by allowing the Holy Spirit to rule in my life.

Signature

Printed Name

Date