

NORTH CATAWBA OPTIMIST COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT 2025-26 SEASON

The function of a coach is to educate players through individual and team competition. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect and have their welfare considered in decisions made by the coach and coaching staff at all times.

The coach/coaching staff shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach/coaching staff shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with players, officials, NCO board members, the public and parents, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach/coaching staff shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco use. The coach shall always avoid the use of drug, alcohol and tobacco use when in contact with players.

The coach/coaching staff shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to their team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The coach/coaching staff shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.

The coach/coaching staff shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical and not tolerated.

The coach/coaching staff should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

The coach/coaching staff shall present an image of professionalism and competency, to include dress and appearance.

The coach/coaching staff shall meet these expectations of the Code of Conduct as well as North Catawba Optimists Code of Ethics for coaches.

By coaching at North Catawba Optimist, I understand that this is not a paid position and I'm 100% a volunteer of my time for the betterment of youth in the program. This volunteer role is an at-will role within the Optimist and can be terminated without cause by either party. (coaching volunteer OR North Catawba Optimist). **I understand that if Andrew Brown or Michael Yount inform me that North Catawba Optimist has terminated my volunteer/coaching role, it is to be effective immediately and I will be barred from returning to ANY North Catawba Optimist events, both organized and unorganized in the future.**

EVERY COACH & MEMBER OF EACH COACHING STAFF MUST SIGN THE BACK OF THIS PAPER TO ENSURE COACHING ELIGIBILITY AT NORTH CATAWBA OPTIMIST.