

The Victory League

Code of Ethics for Officials



Every Christian is a representative of Christ. Due to their leadership role and interactions with others during competitive situations, officials in the Victory League must be especially mindful of the higher character standards to which God has called them. Sports provide a unique opportunity to display Christ-likeness through the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, fair play, courtesy, integrity, respect, and Christ-centered values. In order to promote these ideals in all league sanctioned events, the following code for coaches has been developed:

The official and his/her God:

1. God has called you to be a minister to children; use the talents that He has given you to bring Jesus glory.
2. Recognize that you are representing Christ, and that the example you provide will have a tremendous bearing on everyone who is a part of this athletic program.

The official and the game:

1. Know and enforce rules and regulations.
2. Be thorough in your preparation.
3. Be on time for duty and appear in appropriate uniform.
4. Be rested and alert
5. Adhere to correct decisions despite disapproval of spectators, coaches, and players.
6. Control your temper at all times in dealing with players, coaches, and crowds.
7. Respect and aid companion officials in making decisions.
8. Make interpretations and announcements clear to both teams.

The official and others:

1. Maintain a professional relationship toward the event, the players, the coaches, and spectators.
2. Maintain a pleasant, impartial attitude toward all players and coaches.
3. Carry out your duties so as not to distract from the players or the game.
4. Discourage any acts of poor sportsmanship.
5. Require behavior by others in accordance with the code of ethics for coaches, athletes, and spectators