

## **ISO Coaches Covenant**

### **Doing Sports a Different Way**

**Covenant of Character** - I commit to being a positive role model for my players and community. I commit to acting and reacting in a Christ-like manner. I promise that my actions and my reactions reflect Christ. I promise to follow the rules regarding playing time, substitutions, etc. I commit to use sports as a laboratory to change me through the Holy Spirit. I commit to receiving the grace of God and giving grace to others.

**Covenant of Coaching the Heart of The Athlete** - I commit to coaching the heart of my players as well as skills, drills and strategies. I commit to seeing God at work through sports in the lives of my players and parents. Sports reveals character and I commit to teach and show God's redemptive plan through sports.

**Covenant of Accountability** - I commit to read and adhere to emails, practice plans, follow leadership from ISO. I commit to be present, on time, in place and ready to coach. I commit to do relational outreach by discovering where parents are spiritually and inviting to church. I commit to teaching my community to accountable through time management, discipline, keeping their word, etc. I commit to motivating parents to be part of our community in helping and attending practice, practicing with their child at home, being present at the post-game award ceremony and being present at the season celebration.

**Covenant of Attendance** - I commit to participating in player evaluations, coaches training, revealing of teams and season celebration. When I cannot attend I will have another coach that is certified to take my place and take over my leadership role.

**Covenant of Communication** - I commit to communicating regularly with ISO leadership, players, coaches, referees and parents in one on one meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. I promise to communicate with ISO regarding issues, prayer request, etc. I will use places of gathering to inform my community. I commit to communicate with clarity.

**Covenant of Serving Others** - I commit to lead my community in serving others. I will look for meaningful activities that will teach and train my community to serve.

**Covenant of Affirmation** - I commit to seeing myself, my players, parents, referees and others as being created in the image of God. I will encourage and give hope to all of these. I commit to provide a meaningful award ceremony after each game. I commit to finding special ways to encourage sphere of influence. The award ceremony will be built around the character of how the game was played.

**Covenant of Strategy** - I commit to prepare for practices, games, post- game award ceremonies. I commit to teach to the level of my team by making practices fun. I promise to maximize participation, make practices fun, give joy and offer plenty of opportunities for my players to improve. I commit to filling out line up cards. I commit to come up with preseason, in season and post season ways for my players to experience joy while playing. I commit to coaching in a progressive way that will my team will improve individually and corporately. I commit to integrate the gospel in my coaching using redemptive/gospel centered qualities, 3 D Devotionals and Snap Shots of worship in sports during practices and games. I commit to introduce memory verses at practice and have players recite at games. I commit to pray with my team and pray for my community.

**Covenant of Equity** - I commit to treating players, parents, other coaches and officials in the image of God. I promise equal playing time for all of my players as prescribed by ISO. I promise to treat players fair and encourage players in effort and humility.

**Covenant of Competition** - I commit to defining competition as striving together for God's glory rather than striving against each other for my own glory. Competition makes us better together for God's glory. Winning is a desire and not a goal. We are not defined by winning or losing.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ ISO Official \_\_\_\_\_