



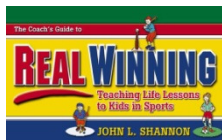
# COACH / FAN PLEDGE

*The solution to the over-emphasis on winning and performance is Values-Based Actions.*

## **The Coach's Guide To Real Winning: Teaching Life Lessons to Kid in Sports**

encourages coaches to do their best to assist in the personal and athletic development of **every** player on their team. As a coach or as a fan, I agree to remember and implement the following Real Winning principles!

- **It's about the kids...** I will judge the success of a seasons, not by the number of games won, but **by the number of kids that won!**
- My priorities are the development of the child first, then the athlete, and then the specific sport my kids are participating in.
- To be a "Real Winning" coach or fan, I must create a relationship with the kids on my team, and to build a successful relationship, I must first establish trust. **I will never engage in any conduct that is harmful to a child in my care.**
- I will always remember that I am not personally competing ... the players are! **I will keep my competitive energies in check and maintain a positive perspective** to ensure that I exhibit a nurturing demeanor at all times.
- The pressure on our youth to make 'right' decisions as they grow up is greater today than ever before. **My ultimate goal is to help 'my kid's' make great decisions in the future.**
- I know that 'my kids' are always watching how I respond to successes and disappointments and I will maintain a "Do as I do!" manner to lead by example. **I will accept wins and losses with dignity and humility.** Of utmost importance, **I will always treat officials with respect, and never abuse them. Nor, will I allow members of my team or team parents do so.**
- **I will encourage a "best that you can do" philosophy** for my player(s), and emphasize intra-competition, not inter-competition. I will ask my player(s) to compete with themselves to improve. This skill will serve them well in every future endeavor.
- **I will do my best to ensure that I create a positive memory for 'my kids' by positively stressing the importance of self-discipline, respect, integrity, hard work, taking chances, making mistakes, and winning & losing with dignity!**



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