**ST. PETER ATHLETIC COACHES DUTIES/**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

Each coach will follow the established code of ethics throughout the season.

* I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
* I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the differences in emotional and physical development for the same age group.
* I will provide a safe play situation for my players.
* I will review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries.
* I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
* I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
* I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport and will teach the rules to my players.
* I will abide by the rules of the game, and the policies of the league and school.
* I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
* I will show respect toward the officials.
* I will not raise my voice at players unless it is to get his/her attention on the floor.
* I will NEVER belittle a child for not being able to accomplish a skill that he/she is learning.
* I will approach a fellow coach at any level to advise on comments heard from parents that will help promote the athletic program.
* I will not take offense, but will appreciate comments from coaching peers who are trying to better the athletic program.
* I will not accept negative comments from parents made to me in public, but will remain courteous; and will report the parent to the athletic director.
* I will attend VIRTUS training.
* I will authorize St. Peter Catholic School to conduct my background check.