



Coaches Commitment

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Thanks for being willing to coach! The backbone of SOAR is our group of fine coaches. We all commit to the same goals, and this keeps our great league on track. SOAR goes beyond just competing, to encouraging and building player's character. Coaches are more than skill teachers alone, they are examples to our players.

We ask our ALL our coaches to affirm and strive to live up to the following commitments:

Part I : The Coaches Christian Commitment

God's Word, as a coach:

- We seek to know, believe, and obey God's word
- We are part of a local church that holds us accountable to live according to God's word

God's Worship, as a coach:

- We want to worship and lead others to worship, Jesus Christ
- We see our coaching as an act of worship for God
- We encourage our team to prioritize the worship of God over other commitments (including sports and winning games)

God's Work, as a coach:

- We model submission to authority by honoring the decisions, requests, and rulings of SOAR leadership and referees.
- We regard fellow coaches and parents as partners with me in this work.
- We pursue excellence in coaching and encourage our team to the same.
- We seek to handle conflict according to Math 18: a. attempting private one-to-one resolution. b. Bringing in someone else like a fellow coach or Executive Director c. Then appealing to the SOAR board if those fail

Part II: The Coaches Responsibilities

- We will share the weekly Bible devotion and prayer with our team, provided by SOAR.
- We will commit to pray with and for my team.
- We will display a Christ-like attitude during practices and games.
- We will foster an atmosphere of encouragement, fun, and recreation.
- We will be self-controlled, cooperating with the officials and the SOAR leadership.
- We do not argue calls with officials and do not allow our teams to do so either.
- We will pray before each game.

- We will communicate well with our team members and parents
- We ensure that anyone who participates with SOAR Columbia is properly registered with the office prior to participating.
- We respect the rules and guidelines of the league, as well as the spirit behind the rules.
- We understand that if a player on our team is dismissed for unsportsmanlike behavior, they must sit out the next game.

Part III Coaches Character References:

We ask for 2 references.

1. A background check, which is done separately.
2. A reference from your home church pastor. (If you do not have one, please provide someone that can affirm your Christian walk)

Your Pastors Name:

Pastors Phone

Pastors Email:

Home Church Name:

Finally: We are all Gods work in progress, but SOAR seeks Coaches that are purposeful in personally following Christ and making disciples through the sports ministry of SOAR. By signing this, You are acknowledging that you will strive to adhere to these commitments and expectations. If I do not uphold these commitments, I understand that I may disqualify myself as a coach in this ministry.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____