



LOVE THE GAME

TIME OUT - WEEK 1



THEME VERSE

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing."

~ I Corinthians 13:2-3 ~



COACH APPLICATION

Love is the foundation the Christian faith. As a Christian coach, your number one responsibility is to love your players. They have put their trust into you to lead them and to teach them, but if you do not love them, then you will lose that trust. A quote used by Coach Jim Tressel when working with his staff is *"They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."* Through the good and the bad, the wins and the losses, you must be consistent and genuine when it comes to the relationship you have with your athletes. It all starts with love.



PLAYER APPLICATION

LOVE YOUR TEAM

Love your teammates by encouraging them. You will be a stronger team if you build each other up rather than tearing each other down. Think of your team as a family, you may not always get along, but when one person struggles, then the whole team suffers. Likewise, when one person gets hot, then the whole team will rally around him/her. Each of you has a different role to play in order for your team to be successful. You must start by loving each other by being there for each other both on and off the court. The stronger your team chemistry, the better your season will go.



LOVE THE COMPETITION

Show love through the way you play the game. Show respect for the officials, your opponents, and the integrity of the game. By eliminating trash talk and helping people up when they fall are two examples of how you can raise the standard of competition. You often hear about what it means to play like a champion. Champions always carry themselves with respect and humility and are always striving to get better. Be thankful for the challenge, and never forget your love for the game.



As an athlete, I can be a **role model and **inspire** others.**

Therefore, I promise to...

Live with **integrity on and off the field of play;
Use my talents and gifts to **honor** my team, my family and my faith;
Hold myself **accountable** to a higher standard;
And work to have a **positive impact** on my community.**

-the right choice today athlete's pledge