**COACH EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**I Do Make a Difference**

**I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the athletic arena.**

**It is my personal approach that determines the coaching style of my staff.**

**It is my daily mood that creates the culture within my program.**

**As a coach, I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous.**

**I can be a tool for torture or an instrument of inspiration.**

**I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal.**

**In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a mistake or crisis is magnified or mitigated.**

**And in turn, a child's athletic experience is rewarding and enjoyable or abusive and intolerable.**

**"I Do Make a Difference", I am their coach.**

**Adapted from Haim Ginott Teaching Philosophy.**

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