

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
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COACHES CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Whereas the purposes of the Anne Arundel Youth Leagues are to provide and encourage interest and participation in youth sports, to insure that the youth of this County are presented with the opportunity to attain the fullest possible moral, mental, and physical aspects resulting from their playing sports; and to instill in all participants the highest ideals and standards of sportsmanship: I pledge to conduct myself, and insure that my players, spectators, supporters, etc. shall also conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with these goals and principles. I have read and will abide by the Organized Sports Manual.

This shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. I shall never knowingly permit an ineligible player to play on my team.
2. I shall not withhold from another coach and/or organization information concerning potentially ineligible player(s) on their team.
3. I shall conduct myself, and insure that my players, spectators, supporters, etc. shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with good sportsmanship, before, during, and after every game.
4. I shall make every effort to maintain and improve my knowledge of coaching techniques so that I can teach the sport properly to my players.
5. I shall make an effort to obtain and read, and shall abide by, the rules and guidelines for the league.
6. I shall not schedule other league games, scrimmages, etc. that conflict with the regular season and/or make-up games.
7. I shall attempt to make-up all canceled and/or postponed regular season games within the timeframe allocated by the League rule for scheduling make-up/postponed games.
8. I shall not harass the official(s) of the game in any manner or form. I shall treat this person with respect; insure that my players, spectators, supporters, etc. do the same; and I shall provide assistance to the official to insure that the game is played within the spirit of good sportsmanship and the rules of the game.
9. I shall keep my players and their parents informed about the rules, schedules, etc.
10. I shall always insure that my players are supervised by myself, or another adult, who may be acting on my behalf. I shall never allow my players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
11. I shall insure that all my player equipment is in safe condition and conforms to the rules of the game. I shall not allow illegal/unsafe equipment to be used.
12. I shall never knowingly permit an injured player to play, or return to the game, without proper medical approval.
13. I shall refrain from using alcoholic beverages, illegal substances and/or tobacco while in direct supervision of players.
14. I shall not harm, physically, verbally or mentally, a child in my care and have not been convicted of a felony dealing with substance abuse, child abuse or molestation, or violent crime.

I understand that actions on my part in violation of this Code of Ethics shall subject me to disciplinary action as determined by the Department of Recreation and Parks, which will be strictly enforced.

I have read the *Parent Brochure: Positive* and will conduct the parent meeting.

Coach and Parent Meeting has been completed: _____ YES _____ NO Date of Meeting: _____

Head Coach _____
Please Print Name *Please Sign Name*

Organization _____

Team Name _____ League Age Group _____

Assistant Coach _____
Please Print Name *Please Sign Name*

Assistant Coach _____
Please Print Name *Please Sign Name*

Sports Code of Conduct

Failure To Comply
With These
Standards May
Result In Disciplinary
Actions By The
Following
Organizations:

City of Annapolis
Anne Arundel County
Arlington County
City of Baltimore
Baltimore County
City of Bowie
Charles County
City of Frederick
Frederick County
City of Gaithersburg
City of Greenbelt
Harford County
Howard County
Kent County
Maryland National
Capital Park
and Planning
Commission
Montgomery County
Ocean City
Queen Anne's
County
City of Rockville
St. Mary's County
City of Takoma Park
Talbot County
US Lacrosse
City of Westminster
Worcester County

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As a Player, I understand that I must follow these rules to stay in good standing:

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow it's rules and regulations
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.

As a Parent/Guardian, I recognize that parents/guardians are the most important role models for their children, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other sporting events.
2. Place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.
4. Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.

As a Coach, I recognize that coaches are role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
2. Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
3. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
4. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
5. Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
6. Be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
7. Encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
8. Be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans.

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____