

## Coach Code Of Conduct

### Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I will exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards. Practicing good citizenship is practicing good sportsmanship.

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
3. I will be a positive role model for my players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, other coaches, officials and spectators at every game or practice.
4. I will respect the players on my team as individuals and treat them appropriately regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
5. I will describe and define respectful and disrespectful behavior. I will stress that disrespectful behavior; especially taunting, trash talking and intimidation will not be tolerated.
6. I will set a good example for players and spectators to follow. I will refrain from arguments in front of participants and spectators; no gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he is doing or talking about; no throwing of any object in disgust. Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches before and after the game in full view of the public. I will also demand the same of my players.
7. I will respect the integrity and judgment of officials, treating them with respect, even if I disagree with their judgment, which will only make a positive impression on my team and in the eyes of all people at the game.
8. I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and in meeting with the parents.
9. I will instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
10. I will aid in the development of a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.
11. I will be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

Verbal warning by league commissioner, MAA board member or game official.

A second warning will result in ejection. Failure to leave may result in game forfeiture. Additional incidents by additional participants will result in game forfeiture.

Any ejection will be follow by a written warning from league commissioner or official.

All written documentation of incident will be kept on file by the league and MAA board

Potential season suspension

Written warning(s) will result in continued suspension until the incident(s) is/are reviewed by the MAA board and return approval is given.

Coach Signature

Date

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