

Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks Sports Alliance



Coaches Code of Conduct

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This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks Sports Alliance. As a coach, I recognize that I am a role model for my players and their parents and I have an opportunity to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth, and sportsmanship through youth sports participation. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of a child ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that we always play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will have knowledge of basic first aid principles and will never knowingly allow an injured player to continue participation without proper medical approval.
5. I will ensure that all equipment used by my players is safe and conforms to the rules of the game. I will not allow illegal or unsafe equipment to be used.
6. I will provide a sports environment that is free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and abusive language and will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
7. I will remember that the game is for children and not the adults.
8. I will ensure that my players are supervised at all times.
9. I will expect my players to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
10. I will be knowledgeable of the rules and techniques of the sport that I coach and I will teach these rules to the players on my team.
11. I will do my best to have organized and structured practices that challenge players of all ability levels.
12. I will always be fair and treat everyone equally when discipline is required.
13. I will never knowingly allow an ineligible player to participate on my team or withhold information from another coach about a potentially ineligible player on my team.
14. I will always be available to discuss any issues with parents concerning their child in a private environment.
15. I will do my best to make youth sports fun for the children and will encourage teamwork and camaraderie.

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Program Manager Signature _____ Date _____