

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Coaches Code of Conduct

As a Coach in the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Recreation Council, I will:

- Consider it an honor and a privilege to coach young people in our community. Keeping in mind at all times that I am a youth sports coach and that the recreational experience is for the children, not the adults.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my team ahead of a personal desire to succeed.
- Strive to make each player feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the team regardless of any physical or developmental limitations he or she may have.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players, increase their self esteem and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of the sports in which they are engaged.
- Emphasize teamwork in team sports with my team, teaching them to think “we” instead of “me”.
- Accept the responsibilities of team leadership and be accountable for the conduct of players, team officials and spectators affiliated with their teams.
- Teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players and model these principles for them at all times.
- Treat officials, opposing coaches and opposing players with respect and dignity, and instruct my players and their parents to do the same.
- Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing conditions to the appropriate Recreation and Parks staff as soon as I am able.
- Refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.
- Refrain from using any illegal substances or tobacco products, or imbibing alcohol in the presence of my players or on school or park property.
- Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive nurturing and encouraging environment intended by this sport/program.

I have read this Coaches Code of Conduct – Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. I understand its requirements and agree to abide by the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct.

Coach's Name

Team Name

Coach's Signature

Date

Council Name

Sport Coached