

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

Coaches Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for the children I am coaching in youth sports by following this code of ethics.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of a child ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will insist that we play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for the children, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for children and not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for the children.

I will expect the children to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will always be available to discuss any issues with parents concerning their child in a private environment.

I will encourage teamwork and camaraderie.

I will continue to be a student of the game.

I will always be fair and treat everyone equally when discipline is required.

I will have organized and structured practices.

Coach's signature _____ Date _____