

Code of Ethics for Coaches

This Code of Ethics for Coaches has been endorsed by the members of the High School Athletic Association.

As an athletic coach in Prince George's County, I shall:

1. Strive to develop in each athlete qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment
2. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete in the selection of the team, as well as in the playing of the game
3. Demonstrate positive human relations skills
4. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all athletes
5. Seek to inculcate good health habits including the establishment of sound training rules
6. Fulfill responsibilities to provide health services and an environment free of safety hazards
7. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership
(i.e., refrain from the use of abusive language)
8. Promote ethical relationships among coaches
9. Encourage respect for the value of all athletics
10. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and spirit relative to your sport (developed by coaches of each sport)
11. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials by refraining from any public confrontation and instructing my players to do the same
12. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
13. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement
14. Have knowledge of the rules governing athletics in the State of Maryland and Prince George's County.

15A. I completed the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries course on:

Month/Year

Location

15B. I realize I will have one (1) year to complete the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries course.

I have read the above and agree to abide by these guidelines.

Coach _____

School _____