



# SOCGER COACH'S PLEDGE

AGE GROUP / LEAGUE

SPORT	ORGANIZATION		TEAM
COACH'S FULL LAST NAME	FULL FIRST NAME	FULL MIDDLE NAME	NICK NAME
COACH'S STREET ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP		WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE

**CODE OF ETHICS:** *As a Coach I understand that I must abide by the following behavioral standards to remain in good standing.*

- 1 Never knowingly permit an ineligible player to play on my team or withhold information from another coach or organization concerning potentially ineligible players on their team.
- 2 Conduct myself and ensure that my assistant coaches, players, spectators and supporters conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with good sportsmanship - before, during and after every game.
- 3 Make every effort to improve my knowledge of coaching techniques so that I can teach the sport properly to my players.
- 4 Obtain, read and abide by the rules and guidelines for the league.
- 5 Never schedule other league games or scrimmages that conflict with the regular season and/or make-up games.
- 6 Conduct a CAP (Coaches, Athletes and Parents) Meeting to provide my team's parents with my coaching philosophy and practice/game approach.
- 7 Never harass the game officials in any manner.
- 8 Treat these game officials with respect and ensure that my players, spectators and supporters do the same.
- 9 Provide assistance to game officials to ensure the game is played within the spirit of good sportsmanship and by the rules.
- 10 Keep my players and their parents informed about the rules, schedules and other league-related information.
- 11 Ensure that my players are supervised by myself or another designate adult and never allow my players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
- 12 Ensure that all equipment used by my players is safe and conforms to the rules of the game. I shall not allow illegal or unsafe equipment to be used.
- 13 Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game without proper medical approval.
- 14 Refrain from using alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or tobacco while in direct supervision of my players.
- 15 Never physically, verbally or mentally harm a child in my care.
- 16 Comply fully with the Department's Background Check Policy and check the Department's website to verify all coaches (Head Coach and assistants) are listed on the Volunteers Database as having completed a background check prior to their participation (practice and games) with the team. *An assistant coach is anyone given the authority to coach or instruct the team.*
- 17 Obtain, read and comply with the Department's policies and guidelines and ensure that all assistant coaches do the same.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** (This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks Sports Alliance) *As a Coach, I recognize that coaches are role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:*

- 1 Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
- 2 Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
- 3 Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
- 4 Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
- 5 Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
- 6 Be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
- 7 Encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
- 8 Be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans.

**TOBACCO FREE SPORTS PROMISE:** *I know tobacco use harms ones health, hinders ones physical performance and is dangerous to others; therefore, I promise refrain from tobacco use at all sporting events.*

COACH'S SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
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**Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks Sports Alliance:** *Failure to comply with the above standards may result in disciplinary actions by the following member organizations - City of Alexandria, City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Arlington County, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Charles County, City of Baltimore, City of Bowie, City of Frederick, City of Gaithersburg, City of Greenbelt, City of Rockville, City of Westminster, DC Parks & Recreation, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County, MYLA, National Softball Association, Ocean City, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, Town of Herndon, Talbot County, US Lacrosse, YMCA of Central MD, Wicomico County, and Worcester County. (Members as of January 2005)*