

Montgomery County Department of Recreation
Countywide Programs
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COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS

It shall be the duty of each Coach to:

1. Read, sign, and return Coach's Code of Ethics to the League Director.
2. Comply with the philosophy, policies and procedures of Montgomery County Department of Recreation. Respect all employees and volunteers involved in the program. Remember that each coach is a representative of the Recreation Department.
3. Remember to encourage and compliment players when they show improvement, play with extra effort, or simply need kind words. Do not unduly criticize players in front of spectators or other players. Criticism should be constructive in nature.
4. Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of players' health, injuries, and ability to play.
5. Not allow a player to enter or re-enter a game if there is any doubt as to the seriousness of an injury.
6. Not use tobacco related products while in the presence of players.
7. Exhibit good sportsmanship by refraining from rude or abusive language, actions or gestures.
8. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating, at every game and practice, respect and positive support for all players, coaches, officials, staff, and other spectators.
9. Accept decisions of officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. A coach will never go onto the court while the game is in progress to dispute a call. Any questions or rule interpretations should be handled during time-outs/between quarters in a proper manner.
10. Assist in maintaining a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free environment by refraining from their use at all practices or games.
11. Be responsible for ensuring that players on his/her team and team spectators are aware of number 7, 8, 9, and 10 above.
12. Demonstrate dignity in winning or in losing, recognizing that both offer opportunities for the personal growth of our youth participants.
13. If a coach is ejected, he/she must sit out the following game.
14. Remember, these are young athletes who are still learning; encourage and compliment any player who displays effort, good sportsmanship or improved play.

******Montgomery County Recreation reserves the right to conduct a closed game gymnasium, to include only players, coach(es), table staff and officials, if spectator behavior becomes a distraction and/or unsafe for all.***

Coach's Name (please print) _____ Date: _____

Signature _____ Team Name: _____

Location/Area: _____