

HEAD COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

As a Head Coach, I will:

- 1 Never knowingly permit an ineligible player to play on a team or withhold information from another coach or organization concerning potentially ineligible players.
- 2 Conduct myself and ensure that my 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 of 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 game officials with respect and ensure 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 parents informed about the rules, schedules and league information.
- 11 Ensure that my players are supervised by me or another designated 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 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 assistant coaches 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.