

# Coaches Code of conduct

I understand my responsibilities as a high school coach are of great importance and my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following Coaches Code of Conduct.

- I will conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Conduct all times; understanding there will be consequences if I fail to do so.
- I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, parent and official with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will be prepared for all practices and games and teach the fundamental skills, so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skills through active participation.
- I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the game in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial contest.
- I will cooperate with the league in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report all suspected violation any rules, regulations and/or policies.
- I will not use profanity.
- I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a league event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a league event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will not encourage my players or any other person, to initiate a fight and/or argue with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any attendee.
- I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not encourage any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not nor allow any parents, guardians, spectators representing or affiliated with my team to yell at or verbally assault an official before, during, or after the game.
- I will complete and maintain all requirements for coaching as determined by my club and the league, including, but not limited to, PCA Double Goal Coach course completion, US Lacrosse Level 1 Online Coaches course completion, pass a league certified background check, maintain league mandated memberships, by the required due dates.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that might include, but is not limited to, the following:
  1. Verbal warning from an official, head coach, my club and/or the league;
  2. Written warning from my club and/or the league;
  3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game by an official, my club and/or the league;
  4. Game forfeit through the official or coach.
  5. Suspension from coaching in the MHSLA. Return to coaching can and is subject to current MHSLA rules and club rules.

I also understand that all documentation of all incidents shall kept on file by organizations involved.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy's or Girls Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Program and Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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