

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) The term “Coach” shall include but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Commissioner(s), or any other person in a team leadership role.
- 2) The coach must never put the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.
- 3) Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
- 4) Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
- 5) Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- 6) Demands on players’ time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics.
- 7) Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medicinal or performance enhancing drugs. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician’s instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.
- 8) Adherence to all league rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation, recruiting and guest players are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of every coach to know and understand these rules.
- 9) Player development and the growth of the player through participation are essential to the growth of the sport. Additionally, the coach must behave in such a manner that the principles, integrity, and dignity of the sport are maintained.
- 10) Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players.
- 11) Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
- 12) Under no circumstance, does a coach have the authority to decide not to play a game. Not showing up for a game without contacting the Athletic Director or another member of the Executive Board with a justifiable explanation, will be grounds for immediate termination of rights to coach in CAA.
- 13) Head Coaches are responsible for all behavior of assistant coaches, players, and parents.
- 14) Any request that relates to not participating in a game or event must be communicated to the Sports commissioner and athletic director of CAA within 1 week of scheduled game. Failure to communicate will be grounds for removal as coach.
- 15) Head Coaches are responsible for effectively communicating game schedules, changes to game schedules and any other league news that directly impact the players or directly impacts the team.
- 16) Coaches should refrain from using profane language while representing CAA during practice and game day.
- 17) Demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, spectators and referees, encourage team parents and spectators to do the same.
- 18) Refrain from using tobacco products while representing CAA during practices and game day.
- 19) Remember you are a youth coach. The game is for and about the children, not the adults.

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- 20) Your actions, character and conduct are a reflection of CAA; you are expected to promote yourself and the league in a positive manner.
- 21) Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own actions, never condone unacceptable behavior.
- 22) Use extreme discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding participants, all in accordance with established rules.
- 23) The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs shall be strictly prohibited at all games or practices. Coaches, helpers and/or assistants must also abide by this rule as well.