

CDAA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

This form must be read and agreed to by each coach. Please sign either this form and return it to the appropriate CDAA Sport Director or sign a "team" signature document for all players, parents and coaches. In either case, please keep a copy of this document for your reference.

I pledge to exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, skill, and leadership while participating in CDAA sports by following this Coaches Code of Conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, administrators and spectators at all times.
- I will teach and abide by the rules of the game.
- I will demand that my players treat other players, coaches, officials, administrators and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, sex, or ability.
- I will teach my players that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will never ridicule my players or others for a mistake or losing.
- I will remember that kids play to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will abide by the playing time philosophy of the governing league.
- I will emphasize fun, participation, skill development and practice in the lower age groups. In the competitive divisions, I will support positive competition and sportsmanship in winning and losing.
- I will set a good example for players and spectators to follow. This means I will refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators; no gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he or she is doing or talking about; no throwing objects in disgust.
- I will shake hands and exchange friendly greetings with the opposite team coach before and after the game in full view in order to set the correct tone for the game.
- I will treat the game official with respect even when I disagree with his/her judgment.
- I understand that public criticism of officials, players, spectators, and an administrator is unethical.
- I understand it is my responsibility to instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship and demand that they make sportsmanship a top priority.
- I will not engage in the use of profanity, obscene language or improper actions.
- I will refrain from the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at all CDAA sports events.

The consequences for violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct are:

1. Verbal warning from a CDAA administrator or official to stop the behavior that is in violation of this code of conduct.
2. If the offensive behavior does not stop, the offending person will be asked to leave the field area.
3. If the offending person does not leave the field area willingly, the appropriate authorities will be contacted.
4. Finally, the offending person shall be expelled from participating in any CDAA activities until a grievance meeting is held by the appropriate CDAA Committee for each sport and a final recommendation is made.
5. The recommendations of the appropriate CDAA Committee for each sport will be the final resolution of the incident and will be acted upon by all parties involved.

I have read and agree to the Coaches Code of Conduct. My signature indicates my willingness to positively instruct and teach players while abiding by the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I understand the consequences if I fail to comply.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____