

# Madison Youth Sports Coach Code of Conduct

We, the Parks and Recreation Authority have implemented the following Youth Sports Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents and coaches in supporting their children in athletics. Parents and coaches should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child's participation.

Any parent or coach guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple-game suspension or season forfeiture of attending all games and/or practices.

## **Coaches:**

### **I therefore agree:**

1. I will remember that the children participate to have fun and learn valuable skills and the game is for the youth and not the adults.
2. I will learn the rules of the sport and the policies of the league.
3. I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all involved in the activity.
4. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, including taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profanity, or obscene gestures.
5. I will not encourage behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will teach the athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand my athletes treat all other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
8. I will teach my team that doing one's best is more important than winning.
9. I will praise my team for competing fairly and trying hard.
10. I will refrain from ridiculing or yelling at the team for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit the children over winning.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child to win.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game field. I will take time to speak with coaches or officials at an agreed-upon time and place.
14. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from use at all practices and events.
15. I will ensure that my children are all given at least 50% playing time during events, regardless of skill level or outcome of games because the sport is about the development and experience of the players.
- 16. I will refrain from using social media to voice complaints or frustrations.**
17. I understand that I am required to undergo a background check prior to working with the children.

Please initial

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Madison Youth Sports Coach Code of Conduct. I will follow my responsibilities as a coach and represent Madison County Parks and Recreation, as well as my sports program, in the best way possible. I understand that violations of the Code of Conduct may result in my dismissal as a coach.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the required training for coaching, including Recognizing Concussions, Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect, and any other training required by our program, League, or Madison County Parks and Recreation.

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Full Name

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Signature of Coach

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Date