

MCGSA Coach's Code of Conduct 2021

MCGSA expects coaches to display and to instill in their players the principals of fair play, good sportsmanship, and respect for the game and league officials. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of all players by providing positive support and instruction for the children they are coaching by following this Code of Conduct.

As a coach I will:

1. Learn and abide by the rules of the game and the policies of the league, be a positive role model for my players, and provide a safe environment for all players at all times.
2. Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive, by practicing the philosophies of positive coaching and good sportsmanship at all league events.
3. To the best of my ability, teach my players the fundamentals and rules of the game.
4. Treat all players, parents, coaches, umpires, and league officials in a respectful manner. Resolve any conflicts without resorting to poor sportsmanship, yelling, or physical hostility.
5. Never ridicule or yell at any players, umpires, or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Ensure that my team's players, coaches, parents, and guests show respect for the umpires and the opposing team's players, coaches, parents, and guests.
7. Ensure that no one verbally ridicules or physically touches a player, coach, or umpire in anger, regardless of the circumstances.
8. Not penalize a player for not making it to practice or games because of other prior commitments.
9. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, parent, or spectator, such as booing, taunting, negative cheering/ chanting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures. Ensure that my players follow these same guidelines.
10. Respect the umpires and their authority during games. Do not inappropriately question, discuss, or confront umpires during or after a game. Address all umpire complaints to the league's Umpire In Charge in a timely and respectful manner.
11. Ensure that all of my communication and my players' communication with teammates and other members of the league are respectful, whether in person or through any form of digital media.
12. Review the league's parent/ guardian Code of Conduct with all parents, guardians, and players on my team.
13. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by my team's parents, guardians, players, and guests. This includes before, during, and after games. Unless able to resolve on my own, I will report sportsmanship issues to the league's board of directors.
14. Demand a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol; and I will refrain from the use of those at all team and league events.

I agree that if I fail to abide by this Coach's Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to verbal warning, written warning, game suspension, season suspension, and league suspension.

Coach Name (Print): _____ **Age Division:** _____ **ASA Member #** _____

Coach Signature: _____ **Date:**
