



Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club Sports Program, Code of Conduct



To ensure safe, supportive, and respectful sports programs and events, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation implements a zero-tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behaviors of patrons, participants, coaches, and fans. The Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club's (PGCBGC) **Code of Conduct** requires that participants in ALL sports programs (with or without a reasonable accommodation) conduct themselves in a rational and reasonable manner before, during, and after the game/event, in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the MNCPPC/PGCBGC.

Unsportsmanlike behaviors exhibited by patrons, participants, coaches, and fans will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by the terms of the Code of Conduct will result in expulsion or suspension from the PGCBGC sport programs, which may also include expulsion or suspension from MNCPPC Community centers and other park property and notification of Park or County police as needed.

Individuals may forfeit their privileges for failure to abide by the following:

- No arguing with the official's decisions or calls. The Head Coach may approach Officials for clarification of decisions only.
- No person may interfere with any Commission or County employee acting in the capacity of his or her official duties.
- A person requested to leave Commission property by authorized personnel must do so immediately.
- The possession, use, or distribution of weapons, instruments used as weapons, fireworks, or explosives is prohibited.
- Fighting, battery, assault, or violent behavior will not be tolerated
- Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated, will result in suspension, and **will** be reported to the authorities. At no time will an opposing coach or staff member make contact with an opposing player, coach, or staff member.
- Indecent, obscene, or hate language or conduct, including the use of profanity, derogatory gestures and intimidating comments will not be tolerated.
- Sexual assault, battery, or improper touching will result in suspension and **will** be reported to the authorities. At no time will an opposing coach or staff member make contact with an opposing player, coach, or staff member.
- Possession, use or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled dangerous substances is prohibited and **will** be reported to the authorities; as is the use of tobacco products in Commission facilities.
- Proper supervision and safety precautions will be exercised at all times; however, athletes participate at his/her own risk. Prince George's County, the MNCPPC, or their employees will not assume liability for injury.



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Coaches Code of Conduct

It is the Commissioner's responsibility to ensure that all coaches review this document.

To ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect amongst all parties are my primary focus, as a coach I agree to:

- Accept full responsibility for promoting a healthy, pleasant, and safe environment for ALL participants.
- Fully abide by the policies, rules, and guidelines set forth in the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club respective game rules and ground rules, as well as the Sports Program, Code of Conduct.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from communicating with officials in an abusive manner.
- Strongly encourage the team's spectators to conduct themselves in a mature manner that promotes good sportsmanship at all times before, during, and after PGCBGC functions, including practices.
- Assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Be a positive role model for PGCBGC players by never:
 - Using or tolerating indecent, obscene, or hate language or conduct.
 - Physically, verbally intimidating, abusing, or assaulting a player.
 - Consuming, allowing the consumption of alcohol or being in an inebriated state during practices, games, or in the presence of his or her players.
 - Encouraging, tolerating, or indulging in substance abuse.
 - Smoking or using tobacco products in front of players during practice, games, or other official team/club functions.
 - Possessing, using, or distributing weapons or instruments to be used as weapons.
 - Fighting, or allowing players and/or spectators to fight during practice, games, or any team function.
 - Indulge in improper touching or any form of sexual harassment.
 - Promoting gamesmanship over sportsmanship. I will not cheat and will resist temptations to gain competitive advantage through devious strategies or techniques (e.g. rule violations, alteration of equipment or field of play, etc.) that violate the rules or disrespect the sport.
- Fully acknowledge that participating in sports should be a fun, rewarding, and positive learning experience for ALL participants and playing time is key to providing that experience for players. I commit to using positive coaching methods that not only make the sport enjoyable, but also promotes self-esteem and foster a love and appreciation for the sport.
- Fully acknowledge the condition of this PGCBGC Code of Conduct and understand that any violations will be subject to disciplinary actions by the Executive Director of the Prince Georges County Boys and Girls Club, Inc. or a County official.

Coach Name (print): _____ Club: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____