



Code of Conduct



Margate Parks and Recreation Department recognizes that the lessons learned during youth sports extend far beyond the court/field. As a volunteer coach, I understand that my responsibility is of great importance and that my actions may significantly influence the players who I coach. So in order to create a positive environment for our players, Margate Youth Sports (MYS) requests each coach read, sign, and return the *Coaches Code of Ethics*.

By participating as a MYS volunteer coach, I will adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

I will create an appropriate environment for children that...

- Focuses on safety, having fun, skill development, and teamwork.
- Has a positive and lasting impact on their lives and in the community.
- Promotes practical character-building skills.
- Emphasizes the importance of effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

I will act responsibly and do my best to assure that I will...

- Abide by the leagues rules in respect to player playing time.
- Instruct players properly using age appropriate fundamentals and skills.
- Cooperate with MYS in the enforcement of rules and regulations.
- Immediately report any form of child abuse whether it be physical, verbal, or sexual to the proper authorities.
- Uphold the authority of the game officials and will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial games.
- Remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for youth and not for adults.

During all MYS events, including but not limited to evaluations, practices and games, I will...

- Display appropriate behavior towards others, especially in the presence of children, and encourage the parents on my team to display the same behavior.
- Never coach under the influence of drugs, alcohol, and any other illegal substances.
- Refrain from using profanity, inappropriate language, and intimidation tactics.
- Never initiate or participate in any form of verbal or physical assault on a player, official, coach or parent.
- Treat each staff member, player, opposing coach, official, parent, or spectator with respect and dignity.

Corrective Action Policy

The following could occur when in violation of the above policies:

1. **Verbal Warning:** a verbal warning from park staff that will be documented and filed
2. **Written Warning:** written reprimand warning of possible suspension should a next offense occur
3. **Game Suspension:** verbal and written notification from staff of suspension for the next scheduled game
4. **Season Suspension/League Ban:** formal letter that notifies of a season suspension or leagueban

I have read and understand the *Coaches Code of Conduct* and the *Corrective Action Policy*. I hereby sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance:

Name/Signature

Date