



## MSC Code of Ethics

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### Coaches

- **I hereby pledge that I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children not the adults.**
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and positive sportsmanship to all players, coaches, spectators, and officials.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is drug, tobacco, and alcohol free
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate of the skills that I teach.

### Parents

- **I hereby pledge that I will remember that I am a parent and that the game is for the children and not adults.**
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating a positive attitude towards all players, coaches, spectators, and officials at every practice and/or game.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will myself refrain from their use at all youth sports activities.
- I will insist that my child play and practice in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will treat all players, coaches, spectators, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability and will teach my child to do the same.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by assuring that my child be at all practices and games on time and ready to participate and will notify the coach as soon as possible when my child can not attend.

### Players

- **I hereby pledge that I will be positive about my youth sports experience.**
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game and practice by demonstrating a positive attitude.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can on time and ready to participate.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my best to listen attentively and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat all players, coaches, spectators, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability and will be expected to be treated the same way.
- I deserve to participate in an environment that is safe and healthy and free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my best in school.
- I will remember that participation in sports provides an opportunity to learn and have fun.

All MSC coaches, parent/guardian, and players are required to follow this Code of Ethics. Failure to do so could result in loss of coaching, playing, and/or spectatorship opportunities. By signing I agree that I have read and am familiar with the MSC Code of Ethics.

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_