

PARENT/COACH CONDUCT

POLICY NUMBER: 03

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PURPOSE:

This policy outlines DAA's stance on appropriate parent and coach conduct during DAA sponsored sporting events in order to promote sportsmanship and fair play.

PROCEDURE:

DAA will strive to maintain a "zero-tolerance" policy in terms of parental and coach non-compliance with the Codes of Conduct published by Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks at all practices and games.

All parents and coaches are expected to follow the Codes of Conduct, even if the DAA sport is not county-sanctioned. The Codes of Conduct (below) is posted on the DAA website and is included in the Youth Player Contract that players, parents and coaches are required to read and sign prior to participation in a county sport and the Head Coach Pledge that head coaches are required to read and sign prior to participation in a county sport.

Any parent or coach found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the DAA Board, in addition to independent sanctions that may be imposed by the league of play. Disciplinary actions may range from warnings, games suspensions, to dismissal from DAA programs.

From the Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks Youth Player Contract

CODE OF CONDUCT: As a Parent, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other sporting events.
2. Place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.
4. Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.

From the Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks Head Coach's Pledge

CODE OF CONDUCT: As a Coach, I recognize that coaches are the role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
2. Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
3. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
4. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
5. Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
6. Be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
7. Encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
8. Be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans.