



Orland Park Magic Sports Association  
P.O. Box 2546, Orland Park, IL 60462



# Orland Park Magic Code of Ethics

## Coaches

The undersigned acknowledges that OPMSA is a non-profit association whose goals are the development of the moral, ethical, and physical abilities and skills of young men and women in the Orland Park area. To participate in the activities of OPMSA, the undersigned understands and agrees that he or she is bound by the terms and conditions of the OPMSA Code of Ethics as hereinafter set forth, and agrees to these terms of his or her free will and in consideration of the opportunities provided to the undersigned as a coach or as a volunteer for athletic activities sponsored and regulated by OPMSA.

***I hereby pledge to enhance my coaching abilities and my abilities as a volunteer, and to instill in my players the love of sports, development of physical and mental abilities, duties and the privileges of adherence to a personal code of ethics by following the OPMSA code of ethics in every aspect of my duties and privileges as a coach or volunteer.***

### ***I will -***

- Encourage fair play and good sportsmanship by my players and by being a positive role model for my players.
- Refrain from making derogatory remarks to or about referees, opposing players or coaches and to enforce similar conduct by my players and their families.
- Place the emotional, physical and ethical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Remember at all times that I'm a youth sports coach/volunteer and the game is for the development of the physical, mental, and ethical abilities of the players and not for the adults.
- Make sure my players and their parents treat other players, their families, coaches, and referees with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- Do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players, all other players, their families and guests and the officials.
- Understand that OPMSA demands a drug, alcohol, and smoke-free sports environment. I agree to assist by refraining from their use at all OPMSA events and meetings, including without limitation, affiliated games and practices.
- Be knowledgeable of the rules, abide by the Cal Ripken, Pop Warner or OPMSA local rules and I will teach these rules to my players and their families.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development and avoid favoritism for any reason, including superior or outstanding athletic abilities.
- Do my best to make youth sports fun for my players and help each player improve physically, mentally, and morally.
- Understand that intimidating actions with children, parents or umpires/referees will not be tolerated.
- Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children or their parents without prior written approval from the league commissioner (if I am in doubt I will, prior to acceptance of such, submit to the commissioner for a ruling).



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- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children without prior written approval from the parents or guardian or league commissioner (if I am in doubt I will, prior to making such gift, first submit to the commissioner for a ruling).
- Report any suspected abuse of any nature of a player in any manner to the league commissioner or Executive member of the Board, and understand that failure to so disclose may constitute criminal activity on my part.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of any known or suspected abuse of a player.
- NOT touch a child in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- NOT use profanity, inappropriate jokes, share intimate details of my personal life, humiliate or harass any children or adults.
- NOT Strike, spank, shake, or slap a player in any manner, fully understanding that corporal punishment is not allowed under the OPMSA rules and guidelines.
- NOT during the course of any OPMSA activity leave a player unsupervised or be alone with a single player member adult where I cannot be observed by other adults.
- NOT, except in the case of a serious emergency, allow a child to travel alone (inclusive of a very short distance) with any adult other than the child's parent or another safe adult (safe meaning an adult approved by parental consent or an approved OPMSA Coach or Volunteer).

Any infraction or reported violation of the CODE OF ETHICS will be referred to the OPMSA Board and will be acted on within 30 days of the report being made. The individual may be asked to appear before the appropriate sports Committee and/or OPMSA Board and the Board will determine the appropriate course of action and penalty up to or including warnings, suspension or separation from the organization.

**The OPMSA Board and the Commissioner reserves the right to institute an immediate suspension in the event of a known or suspected abuse of a player or participant. Disclosures made to the Commissioner or the Board of Directors are confidential and for the internal use of OPMSA only excepting as any disclosure may be required by the rules and regulations of the leagues or as required by any law, ordinance, statute, or court order.**

***I realize that failure to abide by this code of ethics may directly affect my status as an OPMSA coach or volunteer.***

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date