



## A Coach's Code of Conduct



Coaches exert a profound impact on our youths; therefore, society sets high expectations for them. As such, whether coaches are compensated or work solely as volunteers, they are responsible for executing coaching as a professional.

The coach-athlete relationship provides an opportunity to maximize the athlete's development physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. Such influence can be positive or negative, depending on how well the coach follows accepted guidelines and expectations. At a minimum, the coach's role should incorporate knowledge and awareness of the competencies found within the following:

**The coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**The coach** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with players, officials, Chatham County Public Works & Park Services (CCPWPS) Staff, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

**The coach** shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse. And shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.

**The coach** shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

**The coach** shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.

**The coach** shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials.

**The coach** should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

**The coach** shall discourage trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.

**The coach** shall treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of their players.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I will act in accord with this code. I understand the CCPWPS officials will and should expect that I will follow this code.

Coaches Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_