

## **Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club Parents Code of Conduct**

The goal of the Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club is for our participating children to have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends. This document is meant to serve as a guide to all parents to help our club achieve that goal. Caring for our children should always come before winning.

Support the children and remember they participate in organized sports to have fun. Please encourage our children that doing their best is always more important than winning and to never feel defeated due to the outcome of a game. Praise for our children rather than criticism should always be the rule.

Support a safe environment free from alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Please refrain from their use during all sporting events.

Be a positive role model for our children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy. Demand that our children treat other players, coaches, officials, parents and visitors with respect. Never embarrass your child or any other child by verbally abusing or insulting coaches, other parents, officials or players (this includes your own child),

Please leave coaching to the coaches and their assistants. When your child receives too much or conflicting information this only causes them to become confused. If you disagree with your child's coach please approach the coach at the proper time and not during the game.

If your child is ill please exercise responsible judgement before allowing him/her to play in an event. It is better to have your child miss an event than to risk injury due to impaired physical ability. Please be sure your child's coach is told of any physical disability that he/she may have.

Most officials (referees, umpires etc.) are volunteers and not professionals. They are the authority over each and every game and their job is to enforce the rules. Please remember they are doing the best they can, they are experienced with the rules of the game they are officiating, they are only human and they are going to make mistakes. When you ridicule an official for his/her call you are immediately enforcing a negative behavior in our children. Please refrain from engaging in any form of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official.

All adults, coaches, officials, players and children are forbidden from using profane language at any time.

The Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse of any kind toward any of its players, coaches, officials, etc. Violations of this code or any behavior deemed to be detrimental will be handled by the executive officers and board of directors of the Bryn Mawr Boys and Girls Club. The decision of the board will be final.