

Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club Coaches 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 coaches to help our club achieve that goal. Caring for our children should always come before winning.

Please recognize that coaching a team is a demanding and time consuming responsibility. It is the responsibility of each coach to make sure that every parent (not the player) is handed a Parents Code of Conduct. Each coach is responsible for having his or her team ready to play at game time.

Be reasonable in your demands on our young player's time, energy, enthusiasm and performance. Never embarrass a player by ridiculing him/her for making a mistake, bad play, or for losing a game. Treat them with the same respect that you expect should be given to you.

Be a positive role model and recognize that your team looks up to you. Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents and for the judgement of the officials and coaches.

Impress upon your team that they must always abide by the rules of the game regardless of the outcome. Instruct your team that ridicule of any kind will never be tolerated toward any player, coach or official.

When a coach ridicules an official for a call it immediately is transmitted to the team and reinforces negative behavior. Coaches should always accept the official's ruling and discuss it with the official at the appropriate time. Coaches and players should never argue an officials call.

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.