



Bryn Mawr Boys and Girls Club Inc.

Code of Conduct: Coaches

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Introduction:

The Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to ensuring that our children have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends through organized sports. This document serves as a guide for parents to support this mission, emphasizing that the well-being of our children should always take precedence over winning.

Supporting Our Children

- Encouragement Over Criticism:
 - Remind children that the primary goal of participating in sports is to enjoy the experience and do their best, rather than simply focusing on winning.
 - Always prioritize praise over criticism to foster a positive environment.

- Safety First:
 - Maintain a safe environment by abstaining from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco during all sporting events.

- Role Modeling and Sportsmanship:
 - Be a Positive Role Model
 - Demonstrate respect, courtesy, and sportsmanship in all interactions to set a good example for our children.
 - Insist that children show respect towards players, coaches, officials, parents, and visitors.

- Respectful Communication:
 - Never verbally abuse or insult coaches, officials, players, or your own child. Publicly embarrassing any child is unacceptable.



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- Coaching and Communication:
 - Leave Coaching to Coaches:
 - Allow coaches and assistants to fulfill their roles without interference. Excessive or conflicting advice can confuse children.
 - If you have concerns about a coach, address them appropriately and outside of game time.
- Health Considerations:
 - Use sound judgment if your child is ill; it is better for them to miss an event than to risk injury.
 - Inform the coach of any physical disabilities your child may have.
- Respecting Officials:
 - Most officials, referees, and umpires are volunteers. They enforce the rules and do their best. **Recognize that they are human and may make mistakes.**
 - Avoid ridiculing officials for their decisions, as this fosters negative behavior in children. Engage in respectful conduct at all times.
- Prohibited Behavior
 - No Profane Language
 - All adults, coaches, officials, players, and children must refrain from using profane language at any time.
- Zero Tolerance Policy:
 - The Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club will not tolerate any form of physical or verbal abuse towards players, coaches, or officials.
 - Any violations of this code or behaviors deemed detrimental will be addressed by the executive officers and board of directors, whose decisions will be final.



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Thank you for your commitment to fostering a positive, respectful environment for all young athletes at the Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club. Together, we can ensure that every child enjoys their experience and learns valuable life lessons through sports.