



### Coaches Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to live up to the following guidelines to my position as a volunteer coach for the Goose Creek Recreation Commission. I understand that I could lose my status as a volunteer coach for violation of any of these guidelines.

- I will place the physical and emotional well being of all my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I realize that I am a role model for my players; therefore I will display good sportsmanship on and off the field, will dress in a neat, presentable manner, will refrain from the use of vulgarity or profanity, and will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products while I am with my players.
- I will treat all my players with the utmost respect and fairness throughout the season.
- I will treat the opposing coaches, players, and officials with the utmost respect.
- I will not verbally abuse or humiliate any player, parent, and official. Opposing coach or department representative at any time.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are challenging and fun for all my players.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my players and parents.
- I will keep all my parents informed of everything that is involved with my team.
- I will support and promote the programs of the Goose Creek Recreation Commission at all times.
- I understand that I am to control my parents to the best of my abilities.
- Social Media: The popularity and impact of internet and electronic "social media" and "social networking" has advanced significantly in recent years. Some

examples of social media and social networking include but are not limited to the use of Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube or Twitter. While social media usage can be a valuable tool, it poses significant risks for the City and its volunteers if not used properly. Volunteers are free to engage in personal use of social media generally without restriction. However, they should remain aware that in some circumstances, behavior on social networking sites can conflict with obligations to the City, and may put the City at risk of liability. The following rules govern personal use of social media:

- a. The City does not in any way authorize or condone the publication or release by volunteers of offensive, harassing, threatening, disparaging or discriminatory statements or comments or make inappropriate personal attacks on any person.
- b. Volunteers are prohibited from using their title as well as any reference to the City of Goose Creek in any correspondence to include email, posting, blogs, twitter, social networking sites, such as Facebook, MySpace, etc. This prohibition also includes signature lines in personal email accounts. Volunteers are prohibited from posting photos, logos and images that include City property, City seals or Department seals without prior approval by the Public Information Officer.
- c. All City of Goose Creek Social Media is managed by the Public Information Officer, unless authorized permission is given. If you wish to have something posted to or displayed on any of our social media sites, please contact the PIO.

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