



**ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**  
**SPORTS SECTION**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**



This Code of Conduct is required to be signed by all participants, coaches and parents (of underage youth) prior to the first game. This code of conduct is in accordance to the **MID ATLANTIC RECREATION & PARKS SPORTS ALLIANCE'S CODE OF CONDUCT**, which the City of Alexandria has been a charter member of since 2002.

- **As a Player, I understand that I must follow these rules to stay in good standing:**
  1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its' rules and regulations.
  2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
  3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
  4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
  5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
  6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
  7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
  8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.
  
- **As a Parent/Guardian, I recognize that parents/guardians are the most important role models for their children, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:**
  1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other sporting events.
  2. Place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
  3. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.
  4. Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials.
  
- **As a Coach, I recognize that coaches are role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:**
  1. Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
  2. Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
  3. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
  4. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
  5. Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
  6. Be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
  7. Encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials.
  8. Be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents, and fans.

*Place signatures on the back of this form*

