



Indian Mills Athletic Association

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COACHES GUIDE ON ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. Comply with all rules and policies of the IMAA as defined by the IMAA Constitution and Bylaws and the particular sport's rules of play.
2. Comply with the directives of the Director of the designated sport, Commissioners and IMAA Executive Committee. Maintain a cooperative attitude with other coaches.
3. Be a good role model for the players. A coach must show good sportsmanship and leadership. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and parents/guardians. When playing teams in tournaments or from other towns, your team represents the IMAA and our community.
 - A. Refrain from the use of profanity or other inappropriate language during practices or games.
 - B. Refrain from drinking any alcoholic beverages before or during practices or games.
 - C. Refrain from the use of any smoke or smokeless tobacco products during practices or games.
4. **Coaches are required to attend IMAA meetings during their sport season.** Meetings are convened at the Shamong Municipal Building the first Monday of each month at 8:00 pm.
5. Coaches must teach all participants the skills of the game, rudiments of teamwork, and good sportsmanship.
6. Coaches are strongly urged to attend all activities, meetings, and clinics connected with their sport.
7. Coaches are to distribute a copy of league rules to all parents/guardians.

8. Coaches must be certified. This certification can be obtained by attending a safety orientation and training program developed by the Youth Sports Research Council of Rutgers University. The IMAA provides this program at no cost. Contact your Commissioner if you need to attend this training program. There must be at least one certified coach at all practices and games.
9. Support fund raising activities of the IMAA and coordinate with the Director of the Fund Raising for maximum team effort and participation
10. Maintenance of the playing fields is a coach's responsibility. Coaches are responsible for the policing of trash on the playing field, spectator stands, and general grounds. Report any hazardous equipment or condition to your Commissioner or Director. Participation in Field Day is a coach's duty. Baseball Field Day is scheduled during March each year. Soccer Field Day is scheduled during August each year.
11. Make sure each child is registered. A non-registered child is not permitted to participate in any IMAA sport. Do not accept any registrations. Refer anyone wishing to register to the Director of your sport. Coaches must have each child's registration and medical release form at all practices and games. (It is suggested that all coaches keep these forms in their first aid kits). If a player is selected for an All Star Team, the player's coach must provide the registration form to the league Commissioner.
12. Maintain a current team roster. The roster must include the child's full name, telephone number, birth date and at least one parent/guardian name. The roster will also include the names of the approved coaches and assistant coaches. A copy must be provided to the league Commissioner prior to the first game.
13. First Aid Kits must be available at all practices and games. If kits run short of supplies, notify Kathy Bresan at 953-5779.
14. If an injury occurs, the player's coach must complete an accident form and forward it to the Executive Committee. Forms should be completed immediately, but no later than one week from the date of the accident. Forms can be obtained from the Director of your sport.
15. Coaches should hold a minimum of one practice per week.
16. Home team coaches must notify the league Commissioner with the results of all games played or forfeited. Postponements must be coordinated with the league Commissioner, Director of your sport and your leagues umpire or referee association.

17. Protest Procedure: All coaches involved in a protested game will forward in writing to the league Commissioner a description of what transpired. The Commissioner will present the protest to the Director of your sport and the Director of Sports for a decision. Protests will not be considered if based solely on the judgement of an umpire or referee.
18. At the conclusion of the season the coaches will collect all uniforms (if necessary), equipment or other property belonging to the IMAA. Commissioners are responsible for coordinating the return of property to the Director of Equipment.
19. All coaches are required to have at least one rostered assistant coach and no more than two. The IMAA Executive Committee must approve all coaches. During games, only the coach and the two rostered assistant coaches are permitted on the bench, sidelines or dugout.
20. Score books must be properly posted at each game and returned to the Commissioner at the end of the season, who then returns them to the Director of that sport.
- 21. Coaching is a privilege not a right. Please treat it as such. Failure to comply with any of these guidelines shall be grounds for dismissal.**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE IMAA COACHES GUIDE ON ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND WILL COMPLY. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES.

Print Name

Signature

Date