



Coach's Code of Conduct

City Ordinance 2258, enacted on May 27, 2009, established the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board as an agency of the City of Vestavia Hills. The Board is empowered with administrative responsibility and authority over all park property, park buildings, park equipment and park personnel. Additionally, Ordinance 2258 gave the Board sole responsibility for the direction, supervision and promotion of recreational programs that will “contribute to the general welfare of the residents of the city.” As such, the Board adopts the following rules of conduct for all coaches and volunteers involved in Vestavia Hills recreational sports.

- I acknowledge that I have completed a background check, the Coach Safely Course, the NFHS Protecting Children from Abuse Course, and all other requirements put forth by the Vestavia Hills Parks and Recreation Board in order to participate as a coach or volunteer.
- I will strive to observe all rules, policies and procedures put in place by the Vestavia Hills Park and Recreation Board, as well as, the individual sport board representing any sport I coach.
- I will, to the best of my ability, follow all safety guidelines set by the City of Vestavia Hills and the recreational facilities I am coaching or visiting.
- I will, to the best of my ability, know and understand the emergency action plan (EAP) that has been provided for all recreational locations in the city.
- I will strive to protect all participants from mental and physical injury.
- I will adhere to the “three-person rule” when around all children.
- I will strive to be a positive role model for all participants.
- I will display, and instill in our players, the principles of good sportsmanship, integrity and teamwork.
- I will refrain, when in the presence of the children I coach, from the use of profanity, verbal abuse or physical contact in an aggressive manner.
- I will be drug and alcohol free when in the presence of all children while at any recreational activity.
- I will strive to stay up-to-date with best practices for teaching the fundamentals of the sport(s) that I am actively involved in coaching.
- I agree to attend any coaching professional development opportunities required by the sport board.
- I agree to immediately report to local law enforcement, any sign, suspicion or disclosure of physical, mental or sexual abuse of children I come in contact with. Whether on my team or not.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct for Coaches for the City of Vestavia Hills.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____