

## **SLMHA COACH'S AND TEAM OFFICIAL'S CODE -**

All team officials shall agree to the following:

- 1) Be a resource person able to assist the athlete to develop his/her athletic potential and self-dependency.
- 2) Recognize individual differences in athletes and always think of the athlete's long term best interests. Aim for excellence based upon realistic goals. The activity undertaken should be appropriate for the age and abilities of the players.
- 3) LEAD BY EXAMPLE. Teach and practice co-operation, self-discipline, and respect for officials and opponents and proper attitudes in language, dress and behavior. Rules are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- 4) Make sport challenging and fun. Skills and techniques need not be learned painfully. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet current safety standards.
- 5) Be honest and consistent with athletes. They appreciate knowing where they stand.
- 6) Be prepared to interact in a positive manner with administrators, league officials and parents.
- 7) Be responsible people who are flexible and willing to continually learn and develop.
- 8) Encourage athletes to be fit all year, every year and not just for the season.
- 9) Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- 10) Set and monitor boundaries between a working relationship and friendship with their players. Team officials should realize that certain situations or friendly actions could be misinterpreted, not only by the player, but also by others motivated by jealousy, dislike or mistrust and could lead to allegations of misconduct or impropriety.
- 11) Never yell disparaging comments or ridicule a player. Turn defeat to victory by helping players work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- 12) Will not convey or distribute offensive, derogatory, libelous or defamatory comments about any other member including, but not limited to, parents, players, other coaches, trainers, managers and officials, by way of electronic text, e-mail, message boards, social media or other electronic medium which may be viewed or received by members of the public and/or a significant number of members of the Association.

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Head Coach (Print Name)

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Assistant Coach (Print Name)

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Trainer (Print Name)

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Assistant Coach/Trainer (Print Name)

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Manager/Parent Rep (Print Name)

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