



**ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
CHARACTER COUNTS! Sm
CODE OF CONDUCT**

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Citizenship, Caring

Coaches

- Treat players, other parents, coaches, and referees with the utmost respect at all times.
- Be a positive role model. Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; display emotional maturity.
- Use positive encouragement to increase confidence and build self-esteem in your children and foster a respect and appreciation for the sport. Stress the importance of the team play over personal statistics and recognition. Encourage your children to develop good practice and game habits in an effort to continually improve their skills.
- Let your words and actions demonstrate a high regard for loyalty to your association and players. Walk the talk.
- Foster the development of good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating, and modeling high standards of ethics and sportsmanship.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules of your sport and teach those rules to your players. Organize fun yet challenging practices. Implement rules with consistency.
- Always put the safety and well being of your players above the desire to win. Care more about your players than winning the game.
- Teach players to interrupt the cycle of bullying, especially cyber bullying.
- Be a trusted adult for the player if he/she needs to talk to you.
- Respect the facilities. Without them there would not be a place to play.

I have read and understand the above Character Counts Code of Conduct and will abide by it at all times. I understand that coaching is a privilege and that I may lose this privilege if I violate the conduct requirements above.

Coach Signature

Date