

MPAA CODE OF CONDUCT

Mountain Park Athletic Association, Inc. ("MPAA") is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote voluntary youth development in the sports of baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, and softball, and to manage and support such youth athletic programs that operate out of Gwinnett County, Georgia's Mountain Park Park and out of public schools in the Parkview High School cluster. MPAA is a member of the Gwinnett Football League, which governs its football and cheerleading programs. Likewise, MPAA holds franchises with Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. and Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc., which governs its baseball program.* Members of MPAA, including all coaches, officers, directors, commissioners, officials, parents, spectators, and participants shall at all times conduct themselves in such a manner so as not to bring discredit on MPAA or any of its members.

MPAA's goals include teaching proper skills and techniques, instructing the principle of good sportsmanship, emphasizing physical fitness, providing an opportunity for fun and enjoyment, the development of a team-work attitude, promotion of pride in one's sense of accomplishment, recognition of one's shortcomings, the acceptance of defeat, and the joys associated with winning. MPAA recognizes that each player has varying degrees of skill, and that participation should be fun, but that the values of persistence and hard work are to be emphasized.

It should always be realized by all adults associated with MPAA that its programs are designed as a recreational outlet solely for the enjoyment of youngsters. It is not intended as a hobby for adults seeking to inflate their own egos nor is MPAA's purpose to produce future professional ball players. MPAA's emphasis is on participation rather than perfection. Derisive conduct by spectators or coaches, including without limitation, outburst that demean or belittle the players or those officiating the game, has no place in MPAA's program and will not be tolerated.

All who are associated with MPAA, including members, directors, commissioners, officials, coaches, players, and parents, understand and hereby agree that such goals constitute the Code of Conduct of MPAA and understand that actions in contravention of this Code of Conduct may in the sole discretion of MPAA's Board of Directors, constitute ground for suspension or expulsion of the member, director, commissioner, coach, parent, spectator, or participant whose actions are in contravention of the Code of Conduct.

Any violation of the MPAA Code of Conduct, as determined by the MPAA Board of Directors, by a parent, family member, or player at an MPAA sponsored event, shall result in a minimum mandatory one year probation period, or greater disciplinary action, as determined in the discretion of the MPAA Board of Directors. Any further violation may result in suspension from participation in any MPAA activity for a period to be determined by the MPAA Board of Directors. Multiple violations may also result in permanent expulsion from participation in any MPAA sponsored activity. Anyone found in violation of the MPAA Code of Conduct may request a hearing before the executive members of the MPAA Board of Directors to appeal the decision.

* In the event of an inconsistency between this Code of Conduct and those of Gwinnett Football League regarding football and cheerleading or Dixie Youth Baseball and Dixie Boy's Baseball regarding baseball where such other Codes require a higher standard of conduct, the Codes of Conduct of those organizations will prevail.