

Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf

Code of Ethics

1. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my team ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. I will treat my teammates, coaches and managers as individuals; remembering the large range of emotional and physical development we all share.
3. I will take responsible measures to honor all commitments I make towards my team and my club.
4. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my teammates and opponents.
5. I will do my best to attend all practices and help make them fun, educational and beneficial for my teammates and club.
6. I will provide a positive sports environment for my team and club that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will also refrain from using these substances at all sports events and club related activities.
7. I will be knowledgeable of the MAAD basketball/softball rules and requirements. I will honor those written in the MAAD by-laws to my fullest commitment.
8. I will remember that I am privileged to participate in the MAAD and that the game is meant to be for fun. I will also exhibit proper behavior methods at each MAAD basketball/softball game, to all officials, officers, and commissioners.

Liability Release & Waiver Statement

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD) and its affiliated member club athletics/sports programs, and related activities and events, I, the undersigned participant on the team registration form, will abide by the following:

1. I agree that prior to participating, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and I believe anything is unsafe, I should immediately advise my coach or manager of such conditions and refuse to participate.
2. I acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe personal and /or economic losses which result not only from their own actions, inaction or negligence but the action, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, there may be unanticipated or unexpected risks, which arise during such activities.
3. I assumed all of the risks of injury to my person and property that may be sustained in connection with the stated and associated activities and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death. MAAD shall NOT be responsible for medical bills, hospitalization or emergency room expenses of participants.
4. I release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD), its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, director, officers, agents, coaches and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the vent, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees," from any and all liability to me, my heirs, next kin, administrators and assigned for any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort of loses or damages on account of injury, including death or damages to property, caused of alleged to be caused in whole or in part by negligence of the releasees or any other fault.
5. I represent and certify that I, the participant, am over 18 years of age or if I am under the age of 18, I do represent and certify that I have the permission of my parents and /or guardians to participate in the stated activities, that they have full knowledge thereof, and that they join me in waiving my rights against the releasees, as evidenced by the signature(s) in the signature box on the reverse.
6. I certify that my participation in the stated activities is voluntary, that I am not, any way, the employee, servant, or agent of the owners, operators, or sponsors of the premises and the activities herein.
7. I agree that Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD) and their agents, sponsors and officers may use my photograph in future promotions.
8. I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and contract between myself and Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD) and their sponsors and officers, and I have signed it of my own free will.