

MAISL

Madison Area Independent Sports League

TO: All Coaches
RE: MAISL Coaching Philosophy 2009-2010

The standards of performance and behavior for our coaches are high, as they must be, to provide the quality of training necessary for the children participating in our programs. The Players our coaches are working with are currently attending 5th through 8th grade. Children of these ages are eager to learn, anxious to please, and expected to be highly impressionable.

Coaches must be constantly aware that they are official representatives of their home school as well as MAISL. As members of this community they can expect to be in the presence or line of sight of a child from their school or other MAISL participating schools and/or parishes at any time or any place. The behavior of coaches anytime or anywhere, both on and off the practice and game fields may have an impact on the children, the school or MAISL.

In addition to teaching the skills required to play Football, Volleyball, Basketball or Softball our Coaches are charged with the responsibility of teaching their teams, by example and precept, to respect their school, the league and contest officials. Further, the Coaches must be supportive of any adverse decisions by any of these parties by refraining from critical comments in public, in the media, or in the presence of the children.

The Coaches are also to develop, communicate, and model policies for children's conduct and language at practice, during competition, and at all other appropriate times.

The expectations of the Madison Area Independent Sports League (MAISL) include acknowledgement by the coaches that their roles as mentors to the children will be more important than the winning or losing of games. Those who are not willing to make their best effort to meet these standards would be well advised to step aside for those who would.

While Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball are the activities for which we gather, these activities are truly the least important reasons for the existence of the MAISL organization. We are here to provide an opportunity for all interested children who wish to experience the joy of sport, the honor of wearing their school's colors and the chance not only to play a team sport with their schoolmates, but to grow as individuals.

I have read the above statement and agree to adhere to it as a coach of a participating school in the Madison Area Independent Sports League (MAISL).

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____