

## COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. Participation in athletics is both a privilege and a responsibility. Athletics assists in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Interscholastic athletics is highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play. It is therefore essential for coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, coaches should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. **I therefore pledge to abide by the following rules:**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, fellow coaches, fans and officials at practices and all Pittsford Crew events, regattas and activities at home and at host sites
- I will advocate a sports environment for my athletes that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during all Pittsford Crew practices and regattas at home and at host sites
- I will treat any fellow coaches, athletes, parent, participant, official or any other attendee with respect and will not discriminate or make offensive comments based on race, religion, creed, physical attributes or sexual orientation, or act in a manner which violates the rights of others
- I will respect and properly use all equipment and facilities of Pittsford Crew, Pittsford Indoor Rowing Center and host organizations

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_