

## The Coaches Code of Ethics Mid American Pompon

***The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student-athlete should be treated as though he or she were the coaches' own, and his or her welfare should be uppermost at all times.***

**The coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**The coach** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

**The coach** shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

**The coach** shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with participants.

**The coach** shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.

**The coach** shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members.

**The coach** shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.

**The coach** shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite participants or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or participants is unethical.

**The coach** should not jeopardize the safety of any team members at any time, nor should she require a team member to do anything degrading to themselves or others, physically or emotionally

***AS COACH, I UNDERSTAND THAT CHOREOGRAPHY TAUGHT AT ALL CAMPS, CLINICS AND ALL STAR EVENTS IS THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF MID AMERICAN POMPON. THIS CHOREOGRAPHY MAY BE USED ONLY BY TEAMS WHICH HAVE ATTENDED MID AMERICAN POMPON EVENTS. IN ADDITION, THE MID AMERICAN POMPON LOGO MAY NOT BE USED BY TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS. IT IS COPYWRITTEN FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MID AMERICAN POMPON.***

***Coaches who do not adhere to the conduct expectation will be not be permitted to enroll in future events.***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, coach of \_\_\_\_\_

Understand the expectations set forth by Mid American Pompon in regards to the responsibilities of being a coach. I agree to abide by the Coaches Code of Conduct at all Mid American Pompon events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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