

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-313
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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5-313.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Community recreation program" means an athletic, fitness, or recreation activity:

1. Organized for pleasure, recreation, or other nonprofit purposes;

2. That has substantially all of its activities conducted for pleasure, recreation, or other nonprofit purposes; and

3. That does not have any part of the net earnings benefiting any private shareholder.

(ii) "Community recreation program" does not include a public or private educational institution's athletic program.

(3) "Volunteer" means a person who, except for reimbursement of expenses, provides services or assistance as an athletic coach, manager, official, program leader, or assistant for a community recreation program free of charge.

(4) "ATHLETIC OFFICIAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFICIATES, REFEREES, OR UMPIRES AN INTERSCHOLASTIC, INTERCOLLEGIATE, OR ANY OTHER AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONTEST CONDUCTED BY A NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a volunteer is not personally liable for damages in any civil action brought against the volunteer by virtue of the volunteer's act or omission in providing services or performing duties on behalf of a community recreation program.