

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

- Coaches are now required to review the NCHSAA power point presentation on eligibility rules prior to the season in which they coach.
- The coach has tremendous influence upon student- athletes and shall never place winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
- The coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct with the student-athlete, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public.
- The coach shall discipline athletes who display unacceptable behavior.
- The coach shall know the game rules and be responsible for their interpretation to team members. Additionally, the coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- The coach shall promote and work in harmony with the entire interscholastic program of the school.
- The coach shall respect and support contest officials by avoiding conduct which will incite players or spectators against the officials.
- The coach shall actively promote good sportsmanship of spectators by working closely with administrators, cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, and booster clubs.
- The coach shall meet and exchange greetings with the opposing coach before and after contest to set and maintain a positive tone for the event.
- The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, while stressing the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

IMPORTANT NOTE--COACHING REQUIREMENT: Each non-faculty coach (individual who is not teacher certified) and each newly hired coach is required to take the "Fundamentals of Coaching" certification on-line course through the National Federation within 60 days of being hired in order to coach an NCHSAA team. All coaching staffs should be certified in this area by the end of the 2015-16 academic year.

Inappropriate Behavior/Misconduct

One of the goals of the NCHSAA is to provide a positive experience and safe environment for student-athletes. Therefore, adults, coaches, officials, staffs, and volunteers should maintain professionalism and avoid any appearance of impropriety in their relationships with students. Coaches, in particular, should recognize the influence, power, and position of trust they have with students and should use this only in a student-athlete's best interest.

Any incident regarding misconduct should be reported promptly to the appropriate authorities. The NCHSAA encourages personnel to create and enforce guidelines against inappropriate behavior and misconduct. Please refer to local LEA policies for more specifics.