

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The coach / student-athlete relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their students. Therefore, coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport. Coaches are responsible for their own behaviour as well as their student-athletes.

2.1.1 Coaches shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, with moral and legislative obligations required of the coach at all times.

2.1.2 Coaches shall uphold the rules and regulations of BC SCHOOL SPORTS, the local Athletic Association and applicable Sport Commission.

2.1.3 Coaches shall actively uphold the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and encourage student-athletes to do the same.

2.1.4 Coaches shall fulfil all league, exhibition, invitational, play-off and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with Athletic Association policy, Sport Commission policy or Tournament Organizer agreements.

2.1.5 Coaches shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation. **(May 2001)**

2.1.6 Coaches shall respect the judgement and interpretation of officials without gesture or argument, and require student-athletes to do the same.

2.1.7 Coaches shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties.

2.1.8 Coaches shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties.

2.1.9 Coaches shall not, either directly or indirectly, encourage a student to attend a particular school for the purpose of participating in interschool sport. **(May 2001)**

2.1.10 Coaches shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend or suggest the use of Performance Enhancing Drugs or Supplements by any student-athlete.

2.1.11 Coaches shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and discourage their use by student-athletes.

2.1.12 Coaches shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of their obligation to participate on a school team.

2.1.13 Coaches shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student cannot or should not participate in any BCSS approved sport of their choice in the season preceding and/or succeeding the coach's particular season-of-play.

2.1.14 Coaches shall not, under any circumstances, start pre-season try-outs or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.

I have read and agree to abide by the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Coach's Code of Conduct.

Coach's Name

Coach's Signature

Date

A copy of the signed form should be given to the coach, and the original kept on file at the coach's school.