

## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES/ADVISORS**

The function of a coach or advisor 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 or participant should be treated as though he/she was the coaches'/advisor's own, and his/her welfare should be uppermost at all times. To every extent possible, all meetings to review student progress and team events or performances will be held on school property.

### **AS A COACH/ADVISOR FOR RSU 1 I WILL:**

- Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership,
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual student,
- Abide by the rules of the game in letter and spirit,
- Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials/judges,
- Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement,
- Encourage a respect for the values of all programs,
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat,
- Promote ethical relationships among coaches/advisors,
- Fulfill responsibilities to provide a safe environment.
- Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all students,
- Seek to promote good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules, and strive to develop in each student the quality of leadership, initiative, and good judgment.
- As role models, coaches/advisors recognize their responsibility in supporting healthy lifestyles and will not associate with students at any time in any situation involving the presence or use of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco.

RSU 1 expects all members of the staff to be models of good sportsmanship and decorum at all times and to demand the same from their athletes.

Coaches/advisors should defend the rights of their teams at all times, but differences with officials should be presented in a professional, calm manner. This will prevent inciting both team participants and spectators. Coaches/advisors influence not only the conduct of players under their supervision, but also the behavior of many spectators. Coaches/advisors should never engage in an exchange of words with officials or spectators.

The use of profanity by coaches/advisors and team members will not be tolerated. The use of profanity will not improve your team's performance; it will undermine the team's respect for you and encourage the same kind of language.

Each participant is a valuable team member and should be treated respectfully. Be fair and consistent with all athletes regardless of their playing abilities and social standing. Be discreet when reprimanding an athlete in front of peers or spectators. Team participants respond best to constructive criticism when delivered in a caring manner.

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