

SURREY SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Association seeks to ensure that all athletics related activities are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for all students and adults involved. All coaches should adhere to the following code of conduct.

COMMITMENT TO PLAYERS

Coaches shall:

- Treat their own players and opponents with respect;
- Inspire a love of the game and a desire to compete fairly;
- Put the welfare of their athletes above all else while maintaining a professional relationship with them;
- Shall encourage athletes to exhibit sportsmanship at all times;
- Treat all participants fairly, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental abilities, political belief or economic status;
- Not use physical force of any kind, foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties;
- Not, under any circumstances, require, suggest or imply that a student-athlete must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of their responsibilities as a school team member.

COMMITMENT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Coaches shall:

- Recognize that school sports is an extension of the classroom, and shall conduct themselves accordingly when performing coaching duties;
- Recognize they are reflecting and representing their school community and behave in such a way that shall bring credit to their school and to themselves;
- Have and show professional behaviour;
- Not, under any circumstances, start pre-season tryouts or practices to the detriment of any in-season sports;
- Not, under any circumstances, require, suggest or imply that a student-athlete cannot or should not participate in any sport in the season preceding or following the coach's season of play;
- Not, use tobacco, alcohol and or drug products while in the presence of student-athletes, and shall discourage their use, along with performance-enhancing drugs, by student-athletes.

DURING PRACTICE

Coaches shall:

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of the activity;
- Direct comments at the performance, rather than the person;
- Provide a safe playing situation for student-athletes by ensuring that the activity is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players and by educating players about responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment;
- Do their best to organize practices that are instructional, fun, challenging and growth focused to all players;
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of the game and teach these rules to the student-athletes.

DURING A GAME/TOURNAMENT

Coaches shall:

- Lead by example in demonstrating and promoting fair play and sportsmanship to all participants;
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of a personal desire to win;
- Refrain from public criticism of players, fellow coaches, managers, officials, scorekeepers and or table officials;
- Accept responsibility for the sportsmanship and conduct of your players;
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching;
- Fulfill all competition, invitational, playoff and championship competitive and event obligations;
- Observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and shall encourage student-athletes to do the same.

WITH OFFICIALS, SCOREKEEPERS AND TABLE OFFICIALS

Coaches shall:

- Respect the judgment and interpretation of the officials, scorekeeper and table officials;
- Respect the rulings of officials, scorekeeper and table officials without gesture, argument, foul, profane, harassing or offensive language, and shall require student-athletes to do the same;
- Demonstrate respect and support for officials, scorekeepers and table officials, and encourage student-athletes to do the same;
- Recognize that at some level of play, officials, scorekeepers and table officials are sometimes young and inexperienced and will require more patience and support.

I agree to abide by the expectations as outlined above in the Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Association Code of Conduct Agreement.

Coach's Name (Printed)

Coach's Signature

Date

Athletic Director (Printed)

Athletic Director's Signature

Date

Administrator Name (Printed)

Administrator's Signature

Date