

North Kitsap School District Coaches Code of Conduct

1. The function of a coach is to properly educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. The interscholastic program is designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each child should be treated as though they were the coaches' own and their welfare shall be uppermost at all times.
2. The coach must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the education of the student athlete and thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
3. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the student-athlete, officials, Athletic Coordinators, school administrators, the WIAA, the media and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
4. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
5. The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players
6. The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
7. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the contest rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
8. The coach shall actively use his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators, working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
9. Contest officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
10. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
11. A coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration.

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Printed Name

Signature

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Date