

Westside Community Schools

Coaching Code of Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic athletics. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and promote the ideals of citizenship, fair competition, sportsmanship and teamwork that will complement the school's overall mission and curriculum.

When entering the coaching profession, a coach accepts certain obligations and responsibilities to the players, fellow coaches, and to the sport each coach directs. If we are to keep the coaching profession at its highest level, we must assume all the responsibilities in such a way that we will give our profession honor and dignity.

As a coach for Westside Community Schools, I understand and agree to each of the following:

1. I am aware that I have a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
2. I will uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, I will strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
3. I will be an appropriate role model in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse. I agree that I will not use alcohol or tobacco products at team gatherings or functions.
4. I will promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
5. I will master the contest rules and teach them to my student-athletes. I will not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
6. I will work to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders and their sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
7. I will respect and support contest officials. I will not indulge in conduct, which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is not acceptable.
8. Before and after contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
9. I will work cooperatively and appropriately with faculty members regarding academic expectations for student-athletes.
10. I will at all times adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). If I violate any such rules, I will immediately self-report those violations to the Athletic Director and I understand that I am subject to disciplinary action from either the NSAA or the Westside Community Schools.

