

## WEST YORK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

#### *“Every Student, Every Day”*

The West York Area School District believes that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. Our coaches play a very important role in teaching the student athletes the meaning and understanding of sportsmanship, leadership, commitment, fairness, sacrifice, teamwork and hard work. The coaches must balance the pressures of winning with teaching the skills of the sport, ensuring the students also develop a healthy lifestyle and knowing how to win and lose with class. A successful coach is not always the one who wins every game. A successful coach must have a broad spectrum of behavioral competencies that include ethical values, pride of accomplishment, acceptable social behaviors and compassion.

The coach should:

1. Have a fair, unprejudiced, respectful relationship with the student athletes.
2. Teach student-athletes to win through legitimate means only, striving to win at any cost is distinctly unethical.
3. Educate and hold accountable all program participants regarding:
  - a) West York Core Values
    - B – Brave
    - U – United
    - L – Loving
    - L – Loyal
    - D – Determined
    - O – Outlasting
    - G – Goal-Oriented
    - S – Supportive
  - b) Student Code of Conduct
  - c) Parent Code of Conduct
  - d) Coaches Code of Conduct
4. Give opponents full credit when they win.
5. Control one’s temper at all times.
6. Do not use, and discourage the use of profanity and obscene language. Zero tolerance.

7. Recommend the use of competent contest officials and support their decisions. The coach should not criticize the actions or decisions of contest officials before student athletes and/or spectators.
8. Do not recruit students from other school districts.
9. Maintain control of the team for which the Coach is responsible.
10. Obtain American Sport Education Program (ASEP) certification during the first 2 years of employment.
11. Follow the medical directives of the Athletic Trainer to ensure a safe, physical environment.
12. Work with other coaches in the school district to ensure a positive experience for all athletes.
13. Set goals and visions for the team.
14. Develop practice plans, strategies, teaching sessions and contest plans.
15. Project a positive image as a role model at all times, including the offseason activities.
16. Allow athletes time to develop skills and interests in other athletic and non-athletic activities provided by the school and community groups.
17. Supervise the student athletes at all times to the best of their ability, including transportation and the locker rooms.
18. Be willing to listen to the athlete and parental concerns while trying to resolve issues in a professional and timely manner.
19. Dress in a manner that will reflect positively on the school, community, team and student athletes.
20. Be aware of the York Adams and District III guidelines pertaining to their sport.
21. Be professional and courteous to the media.
22. Attend mandatory preseason meetings for all coaches.

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_