

ELGIN PARK COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Adapted from BC School Sports Handbook and Surrey School Sports Handbook

The coach / student athlete relationship is a privileged and significant one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their students. They are teachers, mentors, guides and role models. Therefore, coaches are expected to display all of the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport. Coaches are responsible for their own behaviour as well as for directly supporting the positive behaviour of their student athletes.

Coaches shall:

- Treat their own players and opponents with respect.
- Inspire a love of the game and a desire to compete fairly and equitably.
- Discipline those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Respect the judgement and interpretation of the officials and require that student athletes to do the same in all circumstances.
- Remember that the athletic area is like a classroom with moral and legislative obligations required of the coach at all times.
- Uphold the rules and regulations of BC School Sports, Surrey School Sports and Fraser Valley School Sports as well as the School Code of Conduct.
- Not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties.
- Not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties.
- Not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend or suggest the use of Performance Enhancing Drugs or Supplements by any student-athlete.
- Abstain from the use of tobacco products, alcohol and illegal drugs while in the presence of student athletes, and discourage their use by student athletes.
- **Not, either directly or indirectly, encourage a student to attend a particular school for the purpose of participating in interschool sport.**
- **Not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of their obligation to participate on a school team or be selected for a school team.**
- **Not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student cannot or should not participate in any BCSS approved sport of their choice in the season preceding and/or succeeding the coach's particular season-of-play.**
- **Not, under any circumstances, start pre-season try-outs or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.**

Coach's Name

Coach's Signature

Date