

## **ATHLETIC CODE FOR COACHES**

The coach is the official representative of the Parish/School at interscholastic athletic activities. In this important capacity, these standards should be practiced:

1. Develop an understanding of the role of interscholastic athletics and communicate it to players, parents and the public.
2. Develop an up-to-date knowledge of the rules, strategies, safety, precautions and skills of the sport and communicate them to players and parents.
3. Develop, communicate and model policies for athletes' conduct and language in the locker room, at practice, during travel, competition, and at other appropriate times.
4. Develop fair, unprejudiced relationships with all squad members.
5. Allow athletes time to prove themselves anew each season and do not base team selections on previous seasons or out-of season activities.
6. Allow athletes time to develop skills and interests in other athletic and non-athletic activities provided by the Parish, School and community groups.
7. Give the highest degree of attention to athletes' physical well being.
8. Teach players, by precept and example, respect for Parish/School authorities and contest officials, providing support for them in cases of adverse decisions and refraining from critical comments in public or to the media.
9. Teach players strict adherence to game rules and contest regulations.
10. Present privately, through proper Parish/School authorities, evidence of rule violations by opponents; and counteract rumors and unproven allegations of questionable practice by opponents.
11. Attend required meetings and keep abreast of MHSAA & CYO policies regarding the sport and be familiar with MHSAA & CYO eligibility and contest regulations.

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