

SCIAA COACHES/NON-FACULTY COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT: REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING

Purpose: 1) To establish protocol for coaches and non-faculty coaches in collaboration with the Memphis Shelby County School District's faculty, staff and volunteers code of ethics, to model and put into practice when coaching school related activities. 2) To emphasize that a coach's duty is to properly educate student-athletes and their parents of the terms and conditions for participation in athletic activities. 3) To understand that under state law all students possess the right to due process appeals procedures; however, in the event that disciplinary actions are warranted of student-athlete(s) and/or parent(s), participation in athletic practices and contests would be unacceptable. 4) To promote academic achievement and never allow unnecessary circumstances to interfere with student-athlete's academic accomplishments. 5) To seek opportunities for professional development and secure required certifications for coaching i.e., CPR, first aid, clinics, coaching education courses etc. 6) Seek to obtain membership in local, state and national coaching associations.

Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the coach to be knowledgeable of the Shelby County Schools and SCIAA policies, procedures, standards and code of ethics. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in disciplinary actions.

Coaches Code of conduct:

- I will never place the value of winning above the value of character development over student-athletes
- I will uphold the honor and integrity of the coaching profession with student-athletes, officials, school administrators, state and national athletic associations, media and the public at large.
- I will actively advocate and promote the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco use among coaches, non-faculty coaches and student-athletes.
- I will endorse and comply with the school district's athletic policies and procedures and assure that athletic activities administered by me will reflect the integrity of the school district's philosophies.
- I will acquaint myself and comply with all athletic contest regulations. In addition, I will interpret them to other coaches, student-athletes, school officials and parents.
- I will require good citizenship and sportsmanship attributes of cheerleaders, pep clubs, band members, boosters, alumni and spectators during all athletic activities.
- I will respect and support the decision(s) of contest officials. Additionally, I will not condone disrespectful behavior to contest officials by my players, parents, coaching staff or spectators.
- I will meet and exchange friendly greetings with rival visiting teams to set a positive tone before, during and after competition.
- I will not encourage, entice or persuade faculty members to provide special treatment to student-athletes.
- I will comply with local, state and national regulations regarding scouting opponents during competition.
- I will properly supervise and remain with student-athletes during and after practices, and competitions until they are released from my authority.
- I will conduct a pre-season sports meeting for student-athletes and parents to inform them of the school district's academic and athletic policies and procedures
- I will seek opportunities for professional development and secure the required coaching certifications.

The coach acknowledges that he/she have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct. He/she agrees to conduct him/herself according to the terms of this code of conduct. He/she further understand and agree that if he/she violate the terms within this code of conduct, his/her employment in athletics may be limited or terminated as a result of the penalties imposed for violating this contract under school district policies, civil or criminal laws. **For specific details about the coaches' code of conduct and interscholastic athletic rules please refer to the Shelby County School District policies on Athletics and the SCIAA Student/Parent Handbook.**

Coach's Signature

Print Name

Date

Non-faculty Coach's Signature

Print Name

Date