

Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club

Coach's Code of Conduct

Preamble:

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that students participate to have fun and that the game is for students, not the coach.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I will teach/encourage the athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will demand that each athlete treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
5. I will emphasize skill development and practices and make an honest effort to have quality practices for the entire team.
6. I will demand good participation from all athletes at all practices and put out a written protocol for missing practices/games on my team.
7. I will demand a sports environment for the athletes which is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
8. I will inform the parent of any physical injury or ailment that has occurred at practice or at a game that may affect the safety of the athlete or the safety of others.
9. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
10. I understand that if an athlete is injured and has to receive medical treatment from a physician, that I will be required to obtain a medical release from a physician from the parent before the athlete is permitted to return to practice or play.
11. I will be a positive role model for my player and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
12. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct during a game with any official, coach, player, or parent such as *out of control anger*, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
13. I will praise the athletes for competing fairly and trying hard, and make them understand that these qualities are more important than always winning.
14. I will never ridicule an athlete or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
16. I will not engage on any social media with any of my athletes regarding any controversial matters.

17. I will not engage in any debates with regard to the game, practices, coaching, or such matters with any athlete.

18. I will control my anger with regards to any athlete/parent. If any discussion between a coach/parent and athlete becomes heated and not controlled, I will walk away and turn the matter over to the athletic director.

19. I will follow the protocol for discipline of athletes given to me by the SWLAHAC Board.

20. I will provide all players and parents with the Players and Parents Code of Conduct prior to all practices and games. I will make them fully aware of the SWLAHAC protocol for discipline.

20. The protocol for discipline is as follows:

If an athlete has offended the Players Code of Conduct, then the following should take place:

1. Verbal warning by official, head coach, assistant coach or Athletic Director

If an athlete has repeated offenses to the Players Code of Conduct, then the following should take place:

2. Private notification with a written warning of the behavior to the parents (without the said athlete or any other athlete present). The parents will be asked to remedy the behavior. The Athletic Director must be notified and given a copy of the written warning that was given to the parents.

If upon further offenses to the Players Code of Conduct, then the following should take place:

3. Player game suspension or loss of play time with a written documentation of incident kept on file by SWLAHAC. The Athletic Director must be fully aware that the game suspension is occurring. The parents and athlete must be given notice of the reasoning and time of suspension.

If upon further offenses to the Players Code of Conduct, then following should/may take place:

4. Player season/12 month suspension. The Board of SWLAHAC will be given a written request for this suspension and the decision will be voted upon by the board.

The coach/AD may at their discretion implement one or all of the above steps in one given incident according to severity of the incident.

22. Return to play for an injured athlete (if seen by a doctor) protocol:

1. Must provide the coach with a written medical release from the doctor they are presently under the care of.

2. The coach has the right to not play the athlete if the coach determines it to be in the best interest of the athlete's physical well being.

21. I understand that if I am a coach of Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club, that I will be expected to attend required board meetings and participate in decisions that are made for the good of the whole organization.

COACH (PRINT NAME)

DATE

Signature
