



ATHLETIC CONTRACT: COACH

Coach's Commitment

As the coach of the (boys or girls) _____ team, I am dedicated to more than the X's and O's of competition. I know that less than 2% of high school athletes go on to play team sports at the college level. Therefore, I understand that athletics provide students a unique opportunity for the development of not only physical conditioning and athletic skill, but also character traits essential for success in life. Recognizing my role as educator, leader and role model for students, for the next season I commit to:

- Exemplify the highest moral character as a role model for young people.
- Recognize the individual worth and reinforce the self-image of each team member.
- Establish a realistic team goal or vision for each season and communicate that to the athletes and parents.
- Encourage and assist team members to set personal goals to achieve their highest academic potential.
- Create a set of training rules for athletes that reflect the positive values of abstaining from the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (performance degrading substances).
- Strive to develop the qualities of competence, character, civility and citizenship in each team member.
- Provide a safe, challenging and encouraging environment for practice and competition.
- Gain an awareness of the importance of prevention, care and treatment of athletic injuries.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials.
- Teach and abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Build and maintain ethical relationships with coaches and administrators.
- Strive for excellence in coaching skills and techniques through professional improvement.
- Promote personal fitness and good nutrition.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Reinforce our alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free policies by refraining from the use of any such substances before and during athletic contests or any event associated with student athletes including post season banquets, celebrations etc.
- Be supportive of all programs in the athletic department.
- Encourage students to participate in multiple sports if they desire.
- Support the proper chain of command.

My signature below indicates my commitment to the above:

Date

Coach's Signature