

# Advanced Mentoring Enrichment Network

## Coach/Mentor Code of Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each athlete should be treated as though he/she were the coach's/mentor's own, and the student-athlete's welfare should be uppermost at all times.

The coach shall be aware that he/she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideal of character.

The coach/mentor shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the student-athlete, officials, athletic directors, administrators, media and the public, the coach/mentor shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach/mentor shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse.

The coach/mentor shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.

The coach/mentor shall promote the entire Advanced Mentoring Enrichment Network program.

The coach/mentor shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his/her team members. The coach/mentor shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of rules.

The coach/mentor shall exert his/her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with participants.

The coach/mentor shall respect and support contest officials. The coach/mentor shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

Before and after contests, coaches/mentors for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

A coach/mentor shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration.

A coach/mentor shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

Coach Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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