

GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Athletic Codes of Conduct and Athletic Policies and Procedures

The Grundy County Board of Education (GCBOE) has established codes of conduct for coaches and athletes to follow as they represent our schools in athletic competition. Athletic competition is a public platform that can promote the image and character of a community. It is important for coaches and athletes to remember participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. It is imperative that our coaches and our athletes conduct themselves with a behavior that reflects class, pride, and commitment to excellence to provide a positive perception of our community.

Coaches Code of Conduct

Good leadership is the essential basis of any organization. The success of interscholastic athletics depends on this quality. Coaches must understand and accept their role as a leader that is magnified publicly to the highest level in moral principles and integrity.

The National Federation of State High School Associations includes the "Coaches Code of Ethics" in its publications. This displays the importance NFHS feels toward the conduct of coaches within their association. The GCBOE feels the basis of any code of conduct for an athlete begins with a code of conduct for coaches. The NFHS Coaches Code of Ethics is listed below:

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The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times.

Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors.

1. The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
2. The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and Tobacco abuse.
4. The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in Contact with players.
5. The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct the program in harmony with the total school program.
6. The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
7. The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
8. The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
9. The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
10. The coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give students special consideration.
11. The coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

We expect our coaches to follow this code and uphold our policies and procedures created for our athletics. Failure to enforce these guidelines may result in a coach being RELIEVED OF HIS OR HER COACHING DUTIES IMMEDIATELY.

I hereby certify that I have read, signed and was given a copy of GCS CODE OF CONDUCT. I understand my rights and obligations in upholding GCS CODE OF CONDUCT to maintain my privilege coaching any sport for Grundy County Schools.

Coach (Print Name)

Signature

Date