

Coaches' Code of Conduct

The Play Like a Champion approach to coaching means understanding your role in promoting the moral and character development of our youth. As such, a Play Like a Champion coach must exemplify the GROW approach and cardinal virtues in his or her work. We have created the Coaches' Code of Conduct to represent the core teachings of this program and serve as a reminder of your responsibilities.

As a Play Like a Champion Coach...

1. I will embrace the mission of (enter name of school) and promote this mission through my coaching.
2. I will embrace the Play Like a Champion philosophy in my coaching, including a commitment to sport as play, the cardinal virtues, and the GROW approach.
3. I will remember that sports are games meant to be played by and for children and adolescents.
4. I will encourage all the athletes on my team to **GROW** by:
 - Helping athletes set **Goals** that are physical, mental and moral in nature.
 - Building positive **Relationships** on our team, with our opponents and officials.
 - Providing athletes **Ownership** over their play and their team.
 - Guiding athletes in **Winning** and losing gracefully.
5. I will respect the dignity of participants at all times and use language appropriate to an educator, including the use of positive strategies while avoiding practices that belittle or humiliate young people. I will not swear or be verbally abusive in any way.
6. I will respect the dignity of all parents, officials and other persons involved with the athletic environment, both during games and practices. I will promote a healthy relationship and foster good communication with parents of participants.
7. I will promote the physical well being of participants through an understanding of appropriate safety precautions and proper athletic technique.
8. I will live by the cardinal virtues in my own behavior/attitude at athletic events: fortitude, justice, prudence and temperance. I will always strive for virtue and excellence in my own life, understanding that as a coach I am a role model to our youth at all times.
9. I will respect the game officials and their decisions at all times, recognizing that they work hard at a challenging task and that everyone makes mistakes.



10. I will strive to improve the skill of all participants in a sport, no matter how talented, and to help them reach their athletic potential.

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By signing this document, you agree to uphold all parts of the "Coaches' Code of Conduct" for the (enter name of school). You acknowledge that you have read and understand this code and make a commitment to living the mission of Play Like a Champion in your coaching.

Coach Name (Printed): _____

Coach Parish: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____