

**Coaches Code of Ethics**  
of the National Federation Coaches Associations

**The coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for 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 ideals of character.

**The coach** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, school associations, community groups, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

**The coach** shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly, and by working closely with sponsors, pep groups, and booster clubs.

**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.

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

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

**Coaches** should be aware of the following rules: personal expulsion and fighting fouls — the player(s) are ejected from that contest, and are suspended from the next scheduled contest they attend. The player must attend and sit out of the next game in order to be eligible to play in future games.

**And** — if any parent/spectator enters onto the playing field, or in any way interferes with the play of the game, the players, or anyone affiliated with the league, including the officials, that individual, and their related player, will be asked to leave the school grounds and field area. This is not to include an injury situation, unless an abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior initiates or is involved. The coaches will support and assist in the enforcement of this rule.

I have read these regulations and the rules of the league, and agree to abide by them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

There is a process for handing controversy or problems.  
Check with your director as to the proper procedure.  
**DON'T REACT – RESPOND.** Keep Things in the Proper Perspective.