

## **North Carolina Coaches Association Code of Ethics/Coaches Responsibilities**

When entering the coaching profession, a coach accepts certain obligations and responsibilities to the players, fellow coaches, and to the game each coach directs. If we are to keep the coaching profession on a high level, we must assume all the responsibilities in such a way that we will give our profession honor and dignity.

- The coach, in contact with each player, should by principle and example set a pattern of behavior for each student, for he/she influences those more than any other person. Parents put their dearest possessions under the coach's guidance and therefore coaches should be sure to see that athletes are better for having played under them.
- The coach should meet rival coaches before and after each game and exchange greetings.
- The coach should see that every injured athlete is given immediate medical attention.
- The coach should remember the first function is to educate a student through participation in athletics.
- Coaches should remember the position they hold in the school system and that they must support the administration in all policies, rules, and regulations. Where there are differences, they should be discussed behind closed doors.
- The coach should be sure that every participant fulfills all the rules and regulations for eligibility. Anyone who attempts to circumvent eligibility rules and to use ineligible players should be guilty of unethical conduct.
- The coach should inspire every student to achieve the highest academic success possible.
- The coach should give help to the athletic council.
- Every coach should have a good knowledge of all rules of the game that he/she is in charge. Coaches should never attempt to disregard any rules to their advantage.
- Coaches should stress good sportsmanship, and if they defend the use of unsportsmanlike tactics, they should be considered guilty of a break of coaching ethics.
- Every coach should advise players as to the proper conduct in meetings with the press/radio, and how to conduct him/herself in player interviews, both for the athlete's protection and to avoid any embarrassment.