

## **SFUSD CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES**

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total education program. All school activities, curricular and extracurricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social, and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following code of ethics is presented.

As an athletic coach, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct.
4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority.
5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times.
6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players.
7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Instruct players in the safe use of equipment.
9. Insure that no pressure is placed on teachers to pass or to raise marks of athletes.
10. Establish a climate wherein a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at a postsecondary educational institution is not prejudiced by coaches or other school personnel.
11. Encourage athletes to take appropriate academic courses and to strive for the highest possible level of scholastic achievement.
12. Discourage any athlete from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States of American Medical Association.
13. Observe professional ethics and avoid recruitment of athletes from schools/service areas.
14. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the local Board of Education and the league in which the district participates.
15. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language and gestures.
16. Meet obligations as a mandatory reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect, whether physical, sexual or emotional where I have a reasonable suspicion that a child is being abused or neglected.

**I have read and understand the above and will abide by these requirements.**

**Coach Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_