

W.E.C.S.S.A.A.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

The areas of concern governing coaches have been divided into four categories :

1. The physical and psychological well-being of all participants
2. Department
3. The development of positive attitudes and skills
4. Responsibility to the Association

1. The Physical and Psychological Well-Being of all Participants

- a) The coach must assume responsibility for the physical and psychological well-being of the students in his/her care. Any form of "HAZING" is strictly forbidden.
- b) The coach must be concerned with the prevention, care and rehabilitation of sport injuries, and should make sure that appropriate first aid supplies are available at game sites.
- c) The coach must develop an appropriate level of physical fitness in the athletes.
- d) The coach is restricted from distributing or administering any medication to a student/athlete as per Board and OFSAA policy.
- e) The coach shall make every reasonable effort to prevent student/athletes from using steroids or other illegal performance enhancing substances. If a coach suspects or has knowledge that a student / athlete is using steroids or another illegal performance enhancing supplement, he / she must inform his / her Principal and the WECSSAA Secretary / Treasurer.

2. Department

- a) A coach is a representative of the school. He / she, therefore, must first and foremost, uphold the educational values of sport and be ever mindful of the role that sport plays within the educational objectives of the school, the School Boards and W.E.C.S.S.A.A.
- b) The coach's behaviour must be exemplary and beyond reproach. Dress and personal appearance should be professional and appropriate to the occasion.
- c) It is the responsibility of all coaches to understand the standards and expectations set by their school and W.E.C.S.S.A.A.
- d) The coach must show respect for all involved in the competition : opponents, officials, student minor officials and their own athletes.
- e) The coach must respect the spirit as well as the letter of the rules governing the competition and not attempt to manipulate them.
- f) To win is desirable but to win at any cost defeats the purpose of the game.

3. The Development of Positive Attitudes and Skills

- a) Through teaching and by example, the coach should attempt to instill in the athletes : high ideals of sportsmanship, qualities of cooperation, reliability, self-discipline, and commitment.
- b) The coach is responsible for the conduct of his / her athletes at all times and therefore must set positive standards for their behaviour. Respect for the property of others must be upheld.

4. Responsibility to W.E.C.S.S.A.A.

- a) As a member of W.E.C.S.S.A.A. , each coach is responsible to uphold the standards of the Association. Coaches must express promptly their concerns regarding infractions of the standards to the convenor of their sport and / or the president of the Association, who in turn may bring the concern to the Executive.