



## POLICY

The Coach/Student-Athlete relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their Student-Athletes. Therefore, Coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport.

## RULES OF CONDUCT

Coaches, including community Coaches:

1. Shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, and shall conduct themselves accordingly when performing Coaching duties;
2. Shall observe the Competitive Rules and Regulations of BC School Sports, and those of their Local Athletic Association and applicable Sport Commission;
3. Shall observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and shall encourage Student-Athletes to do the same;
4. Shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any Student-Athlete with respect to race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, gender identification, sex or sexual orientation;
5. Shall respect the rulings of officials without gesture or argument, and shall require Student-Athletes to do the same;
6. Shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of Coaching duties;
7. Shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of Coaching duties;
8. Shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend, or suggest the use of performance-enhancing drugs or supplements by any Student-Athlete;
9. Shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of Student-Athletes, and shall discourage their use by Student-Athletes.

All complaints alleging a violation of the Conduct of Coaches Policy shall follow the process outlined in Board Policy 6240: *Resolution of Complaints*.

## References:

- *BC School Sports Handbook – Coach's Code of Conduct*
- *Board Policy 6240: Resolution of Complaints*
- *Administrative Procedures:*
  - i. *Conduct of Coaches*
  - ii. *Resolution of Complaints*