



COACH'S COMMITMENT

(Can be used by the Athletic Director or Coach can share with parents.)

As the coach of the (boys or girls) _____ team, I am dedicated to more than the X's and O's of competition. I know that less than 2% of high school athletes go on to play team sports at the college level. Therefore, I understand that high school athletics provide students a unique opportunity for the development of not only physical conditioning and athletic skill, but also character traits essential for success in life. Recognizing my role as educator, leader and role model for students, for the next season I commit to:

- Exemplify the highest moral character as a role model for young people.
- Recognize the individual worth and reinforce the self-image of each team member.
- Establish a realistic team goal or vision for each season and communicate that to the athletes and parents.
- Encourage and assist team members to set personal goals to achieve their highest academic potential.
- Create a set of training rules for athletes that reflect the positive values of abstaining from the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (performance degrading substances).
- Strive to develop the qualities of competence, character, civility and citizenship in each team member, as outlined in the athletic policy/code.
- Provide a safe, challenging and encouraging environment for practice and competition.
- Gain an awareness of the importance of prevention, care and treatment of athletic injuries.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials.
- Teach and abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Build and maintain ethical relationships with other coaches and administrators.
- Strive for excellence in coaching skills and techniques through professional improvement.
- Promote personal fitness and good nutrition.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs before, during, or immediately after practices and games or until my supervisory duties are completed.

My signature below indicates my commitment to the above:

Date

Coach's Signature

Sport

My specific goals for the team this season are:

