



School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

# Administrative Regulations

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### COACHING

#### A. Athletic Programs

Athletic programs will:

1. Encourage all student-athletes to reach their full academic and educational potential.
2. Ensure that loss of instructional time be kept to a minimum while offering appropriate competitive opportunities.
3. Recommend that each student-athlete have an annual medical examination prior to participating during that school year.
4. Recommend that each student-athlete and parent/legal guardian be advised to carry appropriate insurance coverage. (see school insurance program brochures available at the beginning of each year).
5. Have a school administrator or authorized representative available to supervise athletic competitions.
6. Ensure all coaches, athletes, and athlete parents sign the "athlete participation form" at the beginning of each season.

#### B. Coaches Code of Conduct

The coach/student-athlete relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their students. Therefore, coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport. Coaches are responsible for their own behaviour as well as their student-athletes and:

1. Shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, with moral and legislative obligations required of the coach at all times.
2. Shall observe the Competitive Rules and Regulations of BC SCHOOL SPORTS, the local Athletic Association and applicable Sport Commission.
3. Shall observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and encourage student-athletes to do the same.

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4. Shall fulfill all league, exhibition, invitational, play-off and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with Athletic Association policy, Sport Commission policy or Tournament Organizer agreements.
5. Shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, including refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation.
6. Shall respect the rulings of officials without gesture or argument, and require student-athletes to do the same.
7. Shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties.
8. Shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties.
9. Shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend or suggest the use of performance enhancing drugs or supplements by any student-athlete.
10. Shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and discourage their use by student-athletes.
11. Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of their obligation to participate on a school team.
12. Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student cannot or should not participate in any BCSS approved sport of their choice in the season preceding and/or succeeding the coach's particular season-of-play.
13. Shall not, under any circumstances, start pre-season try-outs or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.
14. Ensure that each athlete on your team experiences the positive benefits of organized sports.
15. To build up every individual athlete in confidence and spirit regardless of skill or ability.

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#### C. Students

Coaches will educate student-athletes to:

1. Understand their role as school and district representatives at competitions.
2. Recognize that all regular school and district rules are in effect at all times, including nights and weekends.
3. Treat everyone with respect by:
  - a. treating teammates, coaches, opponents, event organizers and spectators with respect;
  - b. respecting and accepting with dignity the decisions of officials;
  - c. being generous in winning and gracious in losing.
  - d. Being understanding and accepting of each teammates different level of skills and abilities.
4. Exercise self-control at all times by:
  - a. remembering that there is no place in sport for drugs or alcohol;
  - b. refraining from the use of foul or profane language;
  - c. refraining from the use of physical force outside of the rules of the game.
5. Play fair by playing within the rules and the spirit of the rules of the game at all times.
6. To come to all practices and games prepared to contribute to your team and teammates with a positive attitude.

#### D. Community Coach

The School Administrator and/or Athletic Director should meet with each prospective Community Coach to discuss school athletic policy and school sport philosophy, ensuring that the coach understands:

1. the expectations for the supervision of student-athletes
2. emergency protocol with the school

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3. accountability for equipment, uniforms, finances
4. restricted competition schedules and deadlines
5. practice times, restrictions, policies and access
6. school and/or district travel policies and insurance requirements
7. the BCSS Coach's Code of Conduct and procedures
8. the BCSS Competitive Rules and Regulations
9. the decision-making process and jurisdictional boundaries of the school, school district, athletic association, sport commission and BCSS
10. required paperwork for team and student-athlete registration and entry into events
11. how and where to register NCCP clinics

The School Administrator and/or Athletic Director should request and check at least two (2) references for each Community Coach candidate. Reference checks should include questions about previous conduct, suspensions or probationary penalties served, technical skill and ability, age group and/or gender previously coached and degree of commitment and interest.

Community Coach must undertake a Criminal Records check prior to the beginning of the season.

The BCSS Supervision Policies (A3.1) does not require that a Teacher-Sponsor be present with adults who have been approved by the School Administrator. It is therefore strongly recommended that periodic observations of the Community Coach at practice and in competition be conducted by the Athletic Director and/or Administrator.

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