

SAVANNAH R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coaching Code of Ethics

Coaches at Savannah R-III School District are first and foremost educators. Coaches have the duty to supplement student-athlete's academic endeavors by imparting valuable life skills and emphasizing the positive attributes of athletic competition. Recognizing that coaches mold the minds of formative youths, this code requires coaches in the Savannah R-III School District to instill in their athletes the values of respect, honor, discipline, duty, leadership, fairness, and sportsmanship. These basic beliefs of a coach's responsibility are integrated in the following coaching guidelines.

Obligation to the Savannah R-III School District

The coach will follow all MSHSAA by-laws as well as federal laws and school district policies pertaining to school athletics and demand the same of all others associated with the sport.

The coach will never place the goal of winning on a pedestal such that winning is valued more than the need to develop the student-athlete's academic abilities and personal character. Academics are to be emphasized along with the concept of balancing sports with life.

The coach, as a representative of the school and a role model for student-athletes, will be held to the highest possible ethical and moral standard and will conduct him or herself with dignity and honor. This includes respecting student-athletes, appropriate displays of emotion, good sportsmanship, controlling his or her ego, and positive support of school district staff, procedures and policies.

The coach will be professional at all times. They will treat players, officials, fans, and the opposing team's players, coaches, and fans with respect and dignity.

The coach will never seek to assert influence over any school faculty for the purpose of allowing student-athletes privileges not ordinarily allowed other students.

The coach will understand the requirements of this Code of Ethics and will honor the spirit and purpose of it.

Obligation to Savannah R-III Students

The coach will at all times place the safety, health, and well-being of the student above any desire or pressure to win. This includes safe transportation, proper prevention and treatment of injury, teaching proper skill techniques, providing safe and proper equipment, and adequate hydration of players.

The coach will maintain a professional and positive relationship with student-athletes. They must not, under any circumstances, develop a romantic or sexual relationship with any student.

The coach will treat all students with respect and dignity. No physical or verbal abuse will be tolerated. The coach will use appropriate discipline measures when dealing with issues.

The coach will objectively evaluate players based on their abilities. They will promote teamwork by using positive motivational techniques, recognize and reward the contributions of each player, resolve coach-player and inter-player conflicts properly, and develop the confidence and self-esteem of each student-athlete.

The coach will not permit or condone hazing of any student on the team or in the school.

The coach will not use or consume any alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drug in the presence of student-athletes and will not permit or condone any student-athlete's use of the same.

MSHSAA by-laws and Savannah R-III policies for substance abuse will be communicated and enforced.

The coach will promote the health and fitness of each player and will not recommend, encourage or condone the use of any legal performance enhancing substances or nutritional supplements that neither are questionable or harmful to the body (i.e. creatine). The coach will not permit the use of any illegal performance enhancing substances or nutritional supplements. A strength and conditioning plan will exist and be implemented.

The coach will have a positive impact on the character development of athletes. Through the coach's example, teaching, and expectations players will demonstrate self-management, be held accountable, be taught self discipline and sound decision making skills, and be given opportunities to develop leader

The coach will be knowledgeable in their sport and work to improve the skill level and ability of each student athlete. This is to be accomplished by organizing and conducting effective practices, continued assessment of each student athlete's development, giving feedback on player performance, teaching proper fundamentals and techniques, and teaching game strategy. Coaches will learn effective coaching methods from others to improve his or her instructional methods.

Obligation to Officials, Parents, and Fans

The coach will demonstrate proper sportsmanship when in contact with all officials, parents, and fans.

The coach will proactively seek the cooperation of parents and fans in maintaining the appropriate emphasis on sportsmanship.

The coach will follow the chain of communicate with parents and students. They will communicate in a respectful manner and provide parents with an opportunity to express any concern in a cooperative environment, free of any hostility.

The coach will not engage in any taunting of opponents, fans, or officials and will ensure that the student-athletes refrain from taunting as well.

The coach will treat all officials with courtesy and respect. The coach will refrain from public criticism of officials.

I have read and understand the requirements of the Savannah R-III Coaching Code of Ethics. I will act in accordance with this Code. I understand that the Savannah R-III School District administration will expect that I follow this Code. I understand that an evaluation of my coaching performance will be done after each sport season and the evaluation criteria will be aligned with this Coaching of Code of Ethics.

Coach Signature

Date