

Principals will ensure all coaches understand and agree to follow the:

# BC School Sports Coaching Code of Conduct

## 270.0 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

**271.0** 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. Coaches, including community coaches:

### 272.0 RULES OF CONDUCT

**272.1** Shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, and shall conduct themselves accordingly when performing coaching duties;

**272.2** Shall observe the Competitive Rules and Regulations of BCSS, and those of their local athletic association and applicable sport commission;

**272.3** Shall observe the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport, and shall encourage student-athletes to do the same;

**272.4** Shall fulfil all competition, invitational, playoff and championship competitive and event obligations, in accordance with athletic association policy, sport commission policy and tournament-related agreements;

**272.5** Shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete with respect to race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation;

**272.6** Shall respect the rulings of officials without gesture or argument, and shall require student-athletes to do the same;

**272.7** Shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language or gestures in the conduct of coaching duties;

**272.8** Shall not use physical force of any kind in the conduct of coaching duties;

**272.9** Shall not, under any circumstances, endorse, recommend, or suggest the use of performance-enhancing drugs or supplements by any student-athlete;

**272.10** 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;

**272.11** Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete must be involved in any summer program or club program as part of his/her responsibilities as a school team member;

**272.12** Shall not, under any circumstances, require or imply that a student-athlete cannot or should not participate in any BCSS-approved sport in the season preceding or following the coach's season of play; and

**272.13** Shall not, under any circumstances, start pre-season tryouts or practices to the detriment of any in-season sport.

## **273.0 PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING RULES OF CONDUCT**

**273.1** Subject to 273.2, all complaints alleging a violation of the Rules of Conduct by a coach shall be processed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the local athletic association to which the coach's school belongs.

**273.2** All complaints alleging a violation of the Rules of Conduct by a coach during or in connection with zone playoff or provincial championship competition shall be processed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the applicable sport commission.

**273.3** There is no appeal to BCSS or any of its committees from a decision of a local athletic association or sport commission.

Reference: Section 7.1, 17, 20, 22, 26.1, 65, 85 *School Act*  
*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

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