Scott County Schools Coaches' Code of Conduct

The following policy was developed within frameworks provided by the National High School Federation and the Virginia High School League.

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times.

- The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals and values.
- The coach should represent the school by being dressed appropriately and displaying professional behavior at all times. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
- The coach shall promote a positive relationship between school, parents, and community by attendance at all school functions relating to their sport, including but not limited to safety meetings, rules clinics, awards banquets, All-District/All-Region player selections, etc.
- The coach shall exert his/her influence to positively enhance sportsmanship for everyone involved.
- The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players should not occur.
- The coach shall issue and maintain equipment during the sport season. He/she should also collect, organize, repair, and store equipment upon completion of the season.
- The coach shall secure all rooms, buildings, and/or game facilities after use.
- The coach shall assure safety and proper conduct for all team members by supervising the student athletes at all times.
- The coach shall practice the appropriate use of social media. Any contact with athletes should be of an informative nature only.
- The coach shall follow proper procedures for fundraisers, travel, purchases, and other financial issues.
- The coach shall complete a coaches education course to include coaching principles, sports first aid (including concussion training), and the VHSL state and local components as prescribed by the Virginia High School League and Scott County Schools.

Name: _____ Date: _____