

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT

Coaches are expected to:

- Treat players, parents, opponents and officials with respect.
- Teach and inspire players to love the game and compete fairly and in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Demonstrate by example the type of person he/she wants the players to be.
- Have control of his/her players and command discipline at all times.
- Respect and abide by all FHSAA and Middle School Conference rules and regulations for his/her sport.
- Realize that as the coach he/she is an educator and therefore understands the sport he/she is coaching and the proper behavior for that sport.
- Monitor the student athlete's grades (progress reports) and behavior to insure that the student athlete's academic performance is at an acceptable level not only for athletic participation but more importantly to meet the requirements for promotion.
- Report any breach of conduct by their athletes to the appropriate school authority. Example: Fighting during an athletic contest. The student will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary measures according to the *Code of Conduct*.

Players are expected to:

- Treat opponents with respect.
- Adhere to all FHSAA and Middle School Conference rules and regulations in regard to sportsmanship and participation.
- Demonstrate self-control.
- Respect and accept all official's calls and decisions without gestures or arguments.
- Win with dignity, lose without excuses.
- The good of the team always comes first.
- Show respect for your coaches, the opposition's coaches and players and the officials.
- Adhere to all school and team rules.
- Understand that the Duval County *Code of Conduct* shall extend to cover all interscholastic athletic contests.
- Conduct yourself at all times in a manner that represents character and sportsmanship traits that are acceptable in today's society.

Parents are expected to:

- Be positive role models at athletic contest. Your son or daughter will be very aware of your behavior.
- Be supportive of the coach. The team is the coach's responsibility, not the parents.
- Not coach from the sidelines.
- Communicate with the coach and create a positive supportive working relationship.
- Realize that as the coach he/she is an educator and therefore understands the sport he/she is coaching and the proper behavior for that sport.
- Remember the primary value of athletic participation is to provide our youth with an opportunity for self-development, physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- Respect the judgment of the officials and refrain from openly criticizing each and every call the official makes.
- Be aware that if a parent conference is desired with the coach that it is highly inappropriate to speak with the coach regarding this at the conclusion of an athletic event. Wait until the next day and call for an appointment with the coach.
- Understand and respect the different roles of parents, coaches and officials. Parents should parent, coaches should coach, and officials should officiate and each should be treated with respect for what they do.

COACH

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARTICIPANT NAME

PLEASE PRINT _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____