



Coaches' Code of Ethics

Coaching a team of young athletes for the Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters is a high privilege that carries with it great responsibility. Coaches are expected to demonstrate the highest ethical character and should serve as a role model for players, recognizing the tremendous influence he or she has over young athletes.

If at any time the Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters Association (OHABA) Board of Directors determines that a coach has failed to fulfill these expectations and standards, this shall be cause to discipline, suspend, or remove the coach.

In order to promote desirable behavior and enhance the overall quality of activities for which the OHABA has assumed responsibility, coaches are expected to abide by and uphold the following Code of Ethics:

1. The paramount concern of coaches is the **development, welfare, enjoyment, and safety** of their players. Coaches shall not place winning above the character or treatment of athletes. Coaches will exhibit **honesty and fairness** to all players with regard to team selection and playing time, while remaining free to make decisions based on the best interests of the team as a whole.
2. Coaches shall teach players to **strive for success** while **playing fairly** and demonstrating the highest levels of **sportsmanship**, observing the laws and spirit of the game.
3. Coaches shall model **inclusive** behavior, actively supporting diversity while opposing all types of discrimination.
4. Coaches shall **refrain from all manners of abuse and harassment** of others, including verbal, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of play.
5. In both victory and defeat, coaches shall **model self-control, composure, dignity, and grace**. Coaches shall treat opponents, officials, coaches, and spectators with **dignity and respect** and refrain from making disparaging remarks at any time, and shall teach their players the same.
6. Coaches shall develop an **awareness and understanding of the rules** of the game, registration process, roster requirements, tournament rules, and other OHABA requirements.
7. Coaches shall encourage the **development of proper health and nutrition habits**, and shall discourage the use of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Coaches shall avoid the use of alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players or at times while in official capacity as Coach.
8. Coaches shall encourage everyone to judge the success of the activities programs on the basis of the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than on the basis of a win or loss.

I agree to abide by and uphold this Coaches' Code of Ethics.

Coach's Signature

Date