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Booster Football **Code of Ethics for coaches**

Coaches - Thank you for your volunteer service to our program. You are the reason why we are so successful! The following is a list of expectations that was primarily developed by one of our coaches and provides great insight as to what is expected of you. Thank you again for your commitment to our program.

What we expect of coaches:

- a. Coaches should keep player safety in mind as the first priority at all times. Football is a violent game, and injury prevention is of the utmost importance. Coaches are required to teach proper technique to minimize the chance of injury with specific emphasis on proper tackling technique. It is expected that the coaches are knowledgeable about proper safety techniques and can pass this information to their players.
- b. It is expected that coaches maintain a positive attitude and teach in a way that builds up players. The use of inappropriate language is forbidden. The coach's mindset should be to build up his players and to not be demeaning in any way.
- c. Coaches will have at least a basic knowledge of the game of football and can teach players proper techniques and strategies that will help them develop and improve as a player.
- d. An effective method of communication (usually email) will be established to distribute information to all members of the team and their parents/guardians. Coaches will provide a way for parents/guardians to contact them if the need arises.
- e. Coaches will be expected to be on time to all practices and games. Coaches will not leave practice or games until all players have gone. Players will not be left on their own. (We have stressed to parents and players that they need to pick up kids on time, but there are instances where they are not.)
- f. It is expected that coaches will listen to all questions and concerns that parents have regarding their player. The coach may not agree with all of a parent's thoughts, but he will listen to what a parent has to say and take the parent's thought into consideration when deciding how to handle situations. The coach will have the final say on matters that affect the team.



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g. Coaches are role models for their players. They are expected to maintain a positive attitude regardless of the circumstance (win or lose). Coaches will display class at all times.

h. Head coaches are expected to serve as the head coach for the entire season. If it becomes necessary for a head coach to resign during the season, the coach needs to inform the BFAB President in writing one week before the team's next game.

i. Team equipment will not be handed out until the head coach and all assistant coaches on the team have:

- Completed concussion training within the last three years on the National Federation of High School Coaches website.
- Submitted information for a background check.
- Signed both the Boosters Coaches Guidelines and the Boosters Football Code of Ethics for Coaches.

Signature of Coach: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____