



Coach's Code of Conduct

The welfare, safety and positive athletic experience for students is important to Dalat International School. This includes valuing athletes, regarding them positively and treating them with respect and care. Having a common set of expectations will serve to protect coaches and athletes and enhance the sports environment at Dalat. Coaches are expected to interact with athletes in a mature, capable, safe, caring and responsible manner with a high level of accountability. Coaches should expect to give and receive feedback from the athletic department to maintain a high level of professionalism and integrity.

Coaches of a sports team at Dalat International School must agree in principle and adhere to, in action, to this Code of Conduct. This code applies to all volunteer, parent, or Dalat staff coaches whether head coach, assistant coach or volunteer.

Coaching

- Encourage and praise an athlete's efforts publicly, but correct and discipline privately.
- Meet in private with an athlete of the opposite gender only in the presence of an assistant coach of the same gender.
- Strive to maintain age-appropriate expectations and be realistic of the athlete's other responsibilities like family and academics.
- Exercise wisdom and caution in sharing confidential issues with athletes, e.g. teammate performance, award candidates, starting lineups.
- Keep a professional relationship with players that is adult-athlete, not peer-peer.
- Be aware of and avoid favoritism or special treatment.
- Treat athletes with respect, dignity and kindness. Refrain from harsh criticism, excessive blame and hurtful, vindictive, and shaming comments.
- Incorporate Biblical values and spiritual truths in coaching athletes.

Communication

- Communicate frequently with parents and dorm parents regarding practice schedules and trips.
- Communicate in advance with the respective principals regarding athletes missing class and leaving school for games, tournaments, etc.
- Communicate expectations to athletes at the beginning of the season regarding practice time and absence policy.
- Work with the athletic director to schedule games, practices and tournaments.
- Work with the guidance office regarding an athlete who is struggling academically.

Behavior

- Limit protests and discussions with referees, and always keep them respectful.
- Guard against negative comments toward other coaches, players, teams, MSSPP and its organizer, fans and parents.

- Honor schedules set by host schools when traveling. Show respect and appreciation for their efforts during the event and before departure.
- Uphold Dalat's moral values and serve as a positive school representative in interactions with other schools, teams, and officials.
- Consider yourself a role model and seek to behave above reproach.

Coaches will be expected to read and follow the contents of the Sports Handbook and submit to the authority of the athletic director and other school administrators.

This document is an agreement between coaches and the athletic director. Coaches in violation of any of the terms listed above will be considered in breach of their agreement and may be subject to removal from coaching responsibilities.

Volunteer Coach Printed Name

Volunteer Coach Signature

Date

J.J. Davis - Athletic Director

